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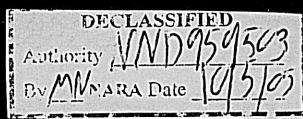
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1. FOLLOWING PRESUMED ARMS FLIGHTS APPARENTLY MADE SINCE  
MAY 26<sup>8</sup>

DC-4 F-BBDD NIGHTS MAY 26-27, 27-28, 30-31

(2) DC-6 TR-LDJ NIGHTS MAY 26-27, 27-28, 29-30

DC-6 TR-LKJ NIGHTS MAY 27-38 AND 30-31

2. PRESUMED RELIEF FLIGHTS SAME PERIOD

DC-6 OO-HEX NIGHT MAY 27-28  
POSSIBLE FLIGHT BY DC-4 F-BRHE NIGHT MAY 30-31 BUT THIS UNCERTAIN.

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INFO: Amembassy REYKJAVIK  
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SUBJ: Icelandic Stockfish and Nigerian Relief

1. Icelandic Ambassador Thorsteinsson requested urgent appointment EUR Assistant Secretary Hillenbrand May 28 acting on telephone instructions Icelandic Prime Minister Benediktsson.

2. Thorsteinsson stated that Prime Minister considerably upset by Minister of Commerce Gislason's report of latter's discussions Geneva re Icelandic stockfish purchases. reliable Gislason reported to GOI that ~~XXXXXX~~ sources ICRC attributed last minute cancellation 500 mt stockfish purchased by ICRC to latter's conviction that USG would curtail USG assistance to ICRC if latter bought stockfish. ICRC according Gislason alleged USG officials Geneva directly discouraged ICRC from purchase Icelandic stockfish on grounds high price stockfish and other possible utilization ICRC funds.

3. Regarding need for stockfish in Nigeria, Thorsteinsson

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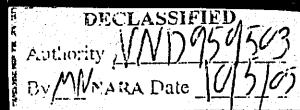
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[ gave Hillenbrand copy Amman to Gislason 23 May letter which stresses priority to be given stockfish (as distinct from salt fish) and stating that for a period through August only July ~~consumption~~ not yet met.

Letter estimates \$3 million needed to meet shortage.

4. Thorsteinsson reported Prime Minister's feeling that above developments seem completely in conflict with US policy set forth US note to GOI April 25 which stated, in brief, that US would ~~exchange~~ encourage ICRC and other donors purchase Icelandic stockfish to extent needed in Nigerian relief program and that US would provide supplementary contributions for this purpose.

5. Assistant Secretary Hillenbrand replied: (a) that US policy had not departed from that set forth in US note; (b) that US provided \$750,000 for purchases Icelandic stockfish since January; (c) that question of need for stockfish and definition of need of paramount importance; (d) that Amman letter of 23 May is new factor in our appraisal, which USG will want examine closely; (e) that if need demonstrated, USG continues be prepared make supplemental contributions; and (f) with regard reports US officials Geneva actively discouraged ICRC purchase stockfish we will undertake look into matter immediately to ensure all officials fully understand USG policy.

6. Thorsteinsson, returning to question of stockfish needs in Nigeria, noted continued need protein in Nigeria over long period of time, ICRC certification unmet July needs valued at \$3 million, and fact GOI

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[concerned with limited amount of stockfish i.e., 1968 surplus. In view demonstrated needs, US policy, and serious Icelandic economic situation requiring urgent ~~consideration~~ <sup>evaluating consideration</sup>, Prime Minister and GOI had hoped and expected ~~USC~~ <sup>USG</sup> could make supplemental contribution sufficient to absorb remainder Icelandic 1968 stockfish surplus. Thorsteinsson suggested that other donors high protein fish might consider relatively short delay in their donations and thus permit absorbtion Icelandic surplus first.]

7. Hillenbrand replied that USG could not interfere with relief donors ~~XXXXXX~~ donations other ~~XXXXXX~~. As GOI is aware, Hillenbrand continued, substantial donations Nigerian relief program of high protein fish have been made recently by other countries (e.g., Norway and Canada) and that these donations made not only through ICRC but ~~through~~ <sup>c</sup> ~~evaluating~~ several other agencies as well. In ~~considering~~ Nigerian situation and relief needs ~~USC~~ must consider total availability relief supplies. Hillenbrand undertook look into questions Thorsteinsson had posed and to reply as quickly as possible.

8. Action requested. Appreciate soonest Geneva comments on ~~XXXXXX~~ [~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~] allegations para 2 above. Septel follows with ~~XXXXW~~ AID/W evaluations net requirements ~~in~~ which should be discussed with ICRC together with Amman estimate of \$3 million requirement for July.

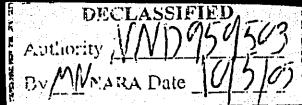
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We have no further information regarding fire truck  
other than State 086183.

Due to holiday will contact CWS on Monday for further  
information and reply.

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[ROGERS]

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: REYKJAVIK 262, 264; INGRAM HENRY TELECN 29 MAY STATE  
080584, 063462

1. AFTER ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GYLFI GISLASON HANDED MEI GOI'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE ON NEW MACHINERY FOR ALLIANCE CONSULTATION TODAY (REYKJAVIK 267), HE MADE A FEW ADDITIONAL REMARKS OF INTEREST ON STOCKFISH. HE RECOGNIZED SETTING LEVEL OF RED CROSS PURCHASES IS COMPLICATED MATTER AND IS ALSO DEPENDENT ON NEEDS DESCRIBED. RED CROSS FEARS THAT USG CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STOCKFISH MIGHT BE SUBTRACTED FROM OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONSEQUENT GOI EMPHASIS ON WORD "SUPPLEMENTARY" IN PHRASE "THE US IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE" IN EMBASSY'S NOTE OF 25 APRIL (AND IN STATE 063462).

2. WITHOUT MENTIONING 675,000 DOLLAR FIGURE MENTIONED PARA 6 STATE 080584, I WAS ABLE TO LEARN HE IS AWARE USG HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR PURCHASE OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH. THIS CONFIRMS MY BELIEF GOI ALREADY KNOWS OF PLANNED \$675,000 CONTRIBUTION.

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3. GISLASON'S AND GOI'S ALL-OUT RESPONSIVENESS TO US REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON NEW MACHINERY FOR ALLIANCE CONSULTATION (REYKJAVIK 267) (APPARENTLY MOST FAVORABLE) REPLY WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ANY NATO MEMBER) MAY BE DUE NOT ONLY TO GOI'S USUAL COOPERATIVENESS WITH OUR REQUESTS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES BUT ALSO TO DESIRE TO INCREASE OUR SENSE OF OBLIGATION REGARDING STOCKFISH PURCHASES.

4. PLEASE INFORM US OF CALCULATION OF "TOTAL USG CONTRIBUTION OF DOLLARS 1,425,000" (PARA 6 STATE 080584) GIVING DATES AND AMOUNTS IN BOTH DOLLARS AND WEIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

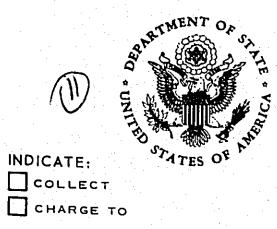
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For Ferguson from Schott

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1. Otue contacted May 28 and told him you would visit Biafra. I impressed him with your need to see Ojukwu. Today I confirmed your intention leave for Uli May 30 and gave him Dewey's name as accompanying.
2. Tuesday evening I met with Otue in Washington and asked him about Biafran reaction your memorandum. He claimed it was never received and asked to whom it was delivered. I gave him info contained Dawson's report.
3. I am prepared to leave for Hague Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

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ACTION: Amembassy LAGOS

SUBJ: Overhaul John U. D. Page

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For Wood from Flaherty

1. Reports from field indicate:
  - a. Propellers operation completely satisfactory.
  - b. No major machinery problems; both auxiliary generators and starboard main engine overhauled during past year.
  - c. Bottom damage has occurred in center line voids one, two and three. Extent undetermined at present.
  - d. Using command reluctant to release Page from operation at this time.
2. In consideration of sub paras. a, b, and d above, request advice, recommendations and reason therefore for one year cyclic overhaul.

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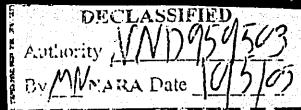
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3. Final determination of damage per sub para 1c may override any other considerations.

4. Your after-action report on last annual indicated extensive bottom repairs performed. Was original design maintained in repairs or were alterations performed? Specifically was longitudinal or transverse frame-spacing altered?

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R 290900Z MAY 69  
FM AMCONSUL KADUNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1163  
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMCONSUL IBADAN

UNCLAS KADUNA 0517

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

SUBJ: NEW NIGERIAN LINKS COUNT VON ROSEN WITH HUMANITARIANS

MAY 29 NEW NIGERIAN EDITORIAL IN RENEWED ATTACK ON  
"THOROUGHLY DISCREDITED EUROPEAN HUMANITARIANS" STATES  
THAT SWEDISH COUNT VON ROSEN WAS "INTRODUCED INTO THIS  
COUNTRY BY HUMANITARIANS WHO PROVIDED FUNDS FOR VON  
ROSEN'S AIRCRAFT "FROM THEIR SOURCES". SOME HUMANITARIANS  
MAY BE GENUINE, BUT ALL MUST BE SUSPECTED OF FORCING  
THEMSELVES ON NIGERIA BECAUSE OF "HATRED" FOR THE  
COUNTRY. NEW NIGERIAN FURTHER OPINES THAT THERE IS  
STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN "HUMANITARIANS, SHADY  
INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND MILITARY BACKING OF FOREIGN  
POWERS." VON ROSEN'S ACTIVITIES CANNOT BE CONSIDERED  
"IN ISOLATION," BUT ACCOUNT MUST ALSO BE TAKEN OF "ICIC  
AND CARITAS AND ALL OTHER SUPPLIERS OF SEEMINGLY LIMITLESS  
FUNDS."

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6851  
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SUBJ: FERGUSON TRAVEL

FERGUSON PLANNING TO FLY INTO ENCLAVE EVENING MAY 30.  
DEWEY WILL ACCOMPANY. REQUEST CONFIRM CLEARANCE  
ASAP WITHIN N.Y. REPRESENTATIVE.  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 686

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REFR LAGOS 4791 AND 4792

LINDT REPORTED FERGUSON THAT THREE REQUESTS MADE TO RELEASE AND CLEAR ICRC PLANE LAGOS ON LAST VISIT DICKSON CO AIRPORT, INFORMED LINDT THAT IF ANY MORE REQUESTS MADE FOR CLEARANCE THERE WOULD BE AN ARREST ON THE SPOT.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6870  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON:

C O N F I D E N T I A L L A G O S 4837

1. LINDT CALLED ON FERGUSON TODAY AND EXPLAINED MAY 27 ARREST AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE PERTINENT DETAILS WHICH EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REPORTED. SWISS GOVERNMENT LODGING FORMAL PROTEST. LINDT'S PLANE STILL GROUNDED (THUS PRECLUDING FERGUSON'S USE). AFTER LINDT'S STAFF MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS GET CLEARANCE, DIXON WARNED THAT HE WOULD JAIL THEM IF THEY TRIED GET IT RELEASED AGAIN. (LAGOS 4824).

2. LINDT SAID JAGGI HAD CONFIRMED TOTAL 19 OIL MEN SAFE BUT NO FURTHER WORD ON OTHERS. FERGUSON HOPES DISCUSS MATTER WITH MBANEOF AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

3. ICRC STILL GETTING RELIEF SUPPLIES OVER IMO RIVER BRIDGE (SEVEN MILES SOUTHEUMUAHIA) AND UP TO ABIRIBO (AND AROCHUKU) SALIENT TWICE WEEKLY. NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO FLED SOUTH ARE BEING FED THIS AREA.

4. ACCORDING LINDT, SRC AND UCA STILL FLYING IN RELIEF TO OIL WITH LITTLE PROBLEM OF HARASSMENT, BUT HAS BEEN HEAVY STRAFING OF OIL DURING DAY.

5. LINDT PLANS GO TO FERNANDO PO SATURDAY, 31 MAY AND DEPART DOUALA FOR GENEVA FOLLOWING DAY.

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6. COMMENT: LINDT LOOKED DISCOURAGED AND DOWNCAST FOR FIRST TIME IN OUR MANY MEETINGS. HE IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF VON ROSEN AND "BIAFRAN" AIR ATTACKS SAYING "THEY HELPING NO ONE AND MAKING RELIEF PROBLEMS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT".

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GP-B. OLSON

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: LAGOS 4787

EMBASSY INFORMED VATICAN OF FERGUSON'S POSTPONEMENT.  
VATICAN SUGGESTS IF FERGUSON STILL PLANS VISIT ROME  
HE SHOULD TRY ARRIVE AFTER RPT AFTER POPE'S VISIT  
GENEVA JUNE 10.

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REFR STATE 086183 - POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

FOR UVCF

FERGUSON MAY HAVE MISSED SOME TRAFFIC IN TRAVELS. PLEASE ADVISE FERGUSON AT COTONOU WHETHER MATTER FIRE TRUCK SAO TOMEI REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT. MARK REPLY FERGUSON OR AMBASSADOR ONLY.

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FOR DAWSON.

Pastor Mollerup Church World Service is inquiring re fire truck Sao Tome which CWS says in discussions with you you offered to procure. Please advise.

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Ref: (a) Addis 2299; (b) State 84897

Subj: Ferguson Talk with Arikpo

Department also cognizant of danger cited ref tel of IEG misunderstanding USG attitude toward HIM involvement in relief negotiations. Believe instructions contained ref b (penultimate sentence para 2), however, sufficiently broad to cover suggestion contained ref a.

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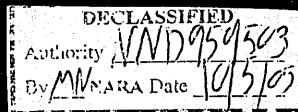
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SUBJ: FERGUSON TALK WITH ARIKPO

REF: A. STATE 84897 B. LAGOS 4796

WE ARE CONCERNED FMG IN EFFORT TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE  
OFFENSE HIM AND OAU MAY INFORM IEG THAT US OPPOSED TO OAU  
AND HIM INVOLVEMENT IN RELIEF NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESULTANT REACTION  
BY HIM AND TELL. ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST FERGUSON BE AUTHORIZED  
TO STATE POSITIVELY HE TAKING STEPS KEEP HIM AND OAU INFORMED  
AND THAT HE BELIEVES AT THIS STAGE IT PREFERABLE HE HANDLE  
NEGOTIATIONS TWO SIDES ON PERSONAL AND SECRET BASIS. WE BELIEVE  
HIM AND TELL WILL ACCEPT THIS IF SO INFORMED.

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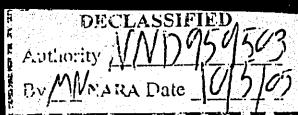
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1. REQUEST UVCFI SEEK CLEARANCE FOR FERGUSON BIAFRA SOONEST. CANNOT SPECIFY EXACT DATE AT THIS TIME. ALLI CHARTERS INCLUDING RED CROSS GROUNDED BY FMG. HENCE MUST REACH COTONOU VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINE OR ROAD AFTER GOWON APPOINTMENT.

2. INFORM OTUE FERGUSON MUST SEE OUUKWU. FYI: LINDT REPORTS OUUKWU GENERALLY UNAVAILABLE SINCE CAPTURE OIL WORKERS. ALTHOUGH OUUKWU DID SEE BAYER.

3. SUGGEST SCHOTT STAND BY FOR HAGUE MEETING JUNE 5. FERGUSON CONSIDERS URGENT THAT GROUP BE CONTROLLED RE SURFACE ROUTES UNTIL AFTER MISSION COMPLETED.

4. INFORM BISHOP SWANSTON DUE TO DELICATE PRESENT SITUATION FMG/BIAFRA/USG MUST CONTINUE HOLD ON C-97 DECISION.  
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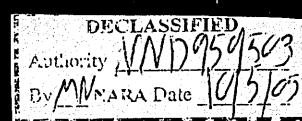
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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6845  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY COTONOU

C O N F I D E N T I A L A L I L A G O S : 4 7 9 1

SUBJECT: FMG ARRESTS LINDT

1. LINDT'S ASSISTANT AND SWISS AMBASSADOR CALLED CHARGE THIS MORNING TO REPORT LINDT AND TWO PILOTS WHO HAD FLOWN TO COTONOU YESTERDAY WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST AT THE AIRPORT ON THEIR RETURN LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. DEWEY OF FERGUSON'S STAFF SAW LINDT AT AIRPORT THIS MORNING. LINDT HAD SPENT NIGHT IN GUARD HOUSE AND AS WELL TREATED AS FACILITIES PERMIT.
2. SITUATION AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE IS THAT LINDT DEPARTED FOR COTONOU BY HIS PLANE WITH PROPER PERMISSION AND CLEARANCE BUT WHILE HE WAS GONE EMBARGO PLACED ON ALL CHARTER FLIGHTS RECENT AIR ATTACKS HAVE MADE FMG EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND CAPTAIN DIXON ARRESTED HIM AND PILOTS ON THEIR RETURN FOR VIOLATION EMBARGO. ICRC REPS AND SWISS AMBASSADOR REALI PURSUING MATTER. REALI HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ARIKPO AND SEEKING TALK WITH I.G. POLICE KAM SELEM. CHARGE SUGGESTED REALI GO TO DODAN BARRACKS DIRECTLY.

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3. SINCE ABOVE WRITTEN DEWEY PHONED FROM AIRPORT 0950  
LOCAL TO SAY LINDT STILL IN GUARDI HOUSE AND NOW BEING  
HELD INCOMMUNICADO "UNTIL INVESTIGATION COMPLETED".  
DEWEY BEFORE EJECTED FROM GUARDI HOUSE AND OPPORTUNITY  
SEE LINDT AGAIN TO LET HIM KNOW REALI AND EMBASSY AWARE  
SITUATION AND TRYING DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. REUTERS  
AND VOA'S KELLY ON SCENE SO STORY WILL HIT WIRES SOON.  
EMB FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL ASSIST AND  
REPORT AS APPROPRIATE.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6846

INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: LINDT RELEASED

REFI LAGOS 4791 Pol 27-9 Biafra Nigeria  
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LINDT RELEASED 1025 THIS MORNING ON BASIS COS KATSINA,  
LETTER SWISS AMBASSADOR CARRIED TO GUARD HOUSE  
ORDERING LINDT RELEASE. IKEUA GARRISON COMMANDER  
APOLOGIZED FOR ACTION TAKEN AND SAID MATTER DIXON'S  
ACTION BE SUBJECT FURTHER REVIEW.

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INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
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REF# STATE 084897

FROM FERGUSON

IN VIEW FACT TODAY A HOLIDAY, EARLIEST APPOINTMENT I  
CAN ARRANGE WITH ARIKPO IS 9300 A.M. TOMORROW, MAY 29.  
EXPECT SEE GOWON FOLLOWING DAY.

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LAGOS FOR FERGUSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF ID: UCA SHIPPING PLAN DATED STUTTGART APRIL 29

BELIEVE IMPORTANT ALL CONCERNED AWARE FOLLOWING  
EXCERPT REF ID "RECENTLY WE HAVE ALSO PURCHASED  
SIX AS GOOD AS NEW BARGES WITH ROLLER DECKS  
AND A CARRYING CAPACITY OF 138 TONS RESPECTIVELY  
168 TONS. THEY ARE TO BE SHIPPED DOWN AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. WHEN CHOOSING THESE BOATS SPECIAL ATTENTION  
WAS GIVEN TO THEIR POSSIBLE USE UP THE NIGER AND  
THE CROSS RIVER."

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3980  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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LAGOS FOR FERGUSON STATE FOR UCFI

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF-FIFTH HAGUE GROUP MEETING

REF# THE HAGUE 1919

1. MFA SEGEN SCHIFFI INVITES ALL PARTICIPANTS (JUNE 5 HAGUE) GROUP MEETING TO LUNCH AT 12:30 HOURS (THUS PROBABLY FORCING DELAY OPENING OF MEETING UNTIL AFTER 1400 HOURS). HUYDECOPER ALSO HOPES IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR FERGUSON TO ARRIVE THE HAGUE IN TIME FOR PRIVATE TALKS BEFORE LUNCH. SINCE ONLY DIRECT MORNING FLIGHT GENEVA-AMSTERDAM ARRIVES 12:15 HOURS, SUGGEST FERGUSON MAY WISH TRAVEL TO THE HAGUE EVENING JUNE 4. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE.

2. SINCE FERGUSON'S MAY 20-21 VISIT THERE HAVE BEEN POINTED QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA ASKING (A) HOW SOON LUNS PLAN FOR COORDINATION HUMANITARIAN RELIEF CAN BE SET IN MOTION, AND (B) IS GON PREPARED TO TAKE "FORMAL INITIATIVE" TO PLACE CONFLIGHT BEFORE U.N. SIGNATORIES OF LATTER QUESTION, WHO ARE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS IN COALITION CATHOLIC PARTY, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING OFF THE RECORD WITH FERGUSON ON NEXT VISIT. WE HAVE REASON BELIEVE MFA WOULD PREFER TO HAVE US AVOID SUCH CONTACTS AT THIS TIME, AND UNLESS EVENTS BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 5 LEAD FERGUSON

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TO BELIEVE THEY MIGHT BE USEFUL. WE WILL INDICATE HIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT ALLOW MEETING.

3. SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE FOR POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION AT JUNE 5 MEETING BRIEF U.S. PAPER OUTLINING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY U.S. TO DATE. TYLER

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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR FERGUSON  
SUBJ: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR FERGUSON  
REFR: PARIS 7293 (NOTALU)

1. DR. JOHANNES HOLM, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY, HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR FERGUSON. HOLM WISHES TO MEET FERGUSON EITHER HERE JUNE 5 OR IN GENEVA JUNE 4 TO DISCUSS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BIAFRA IN CONUNCTION WITH ICRC. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT WE SHOULD SAY TO HOLM.
2. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT AMBASSADOR FERGUSON WISHES TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF NIGERIA/BIAFRA ISSUE WITH KEY FRENCH OFFICIALS AT WORKING LEVEL.  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2604

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: ORDER OF MALTA/BIAFRAN RELIEF

1. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ORDER OF MALTA CALLED ON ME TODAY TO INTRODUCE SUCCESSOR AND TO REQUEST ADVICE HOW BEST MAKE CONTACT WITH PRIVATE U.S. INSTITUTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FRENCH ORDER OF MALTA RELIEF EFFORTS ON BEHALF BIAFRANS.

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2. ORDER OF MALTA FINANCIAL RESOURCES APPARENTLY RUNNING LOW AT TIME WHEN RELIEF SUPPLIES BEGINNING TO PILE UP LIBREVILLE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT AIRLIFT CAPACITY. ACCORDING TO ORDER OF MALTA REPRESENTATIVE, DEMANDS ON AIRCRAFT FOR BRINGING CHILDREN OUT OF BIAFRA FALLING OFF BECAUSE FACILITIES FOR CARING FOR THEM GABON AND IVORY COAST BEGINNING TO FILL UP AND ONLY LIMITED EXPANSION FACILITIES IN VIEW AT PRESENT TIME STATED MAIN PROBLEM AT MOMENT IS PROVIDING BIAFRAN POPULATION WITH MEDICAL AND FOOD SUPPLIES. ORDER OF MALTA HERE HAS ONE DC-3 WHICH INADEQUATE TO TASK. DC6 (OO-HEX) WHICH ORDER LEASES FROM TIME TO TIME CONSIDERED IMPRACTICAL AND ORDER OF MALTA THEREFORE HOPES TO BE ABLE ACQUIRE DC-4 WHICH MORE SUITED TO SITUATION.

3. WE SUGGESTED TO ORDER OF MALTA REPRESENTATIVE THAT HIS ORGANIZATION

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MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORDER OF MALTA. HE SAID HE WOULD DO THIS IMMEDIATELY, THOUGH HE NOTED AMERICAN ASSOCIATION NOT PARTICULARLY ACTIVE. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF INTEREST ORDER HAD EXPRESSED IN CONTACTING POSSIBLE PRIVATE AMERICAN SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND IF DEPT. HAD ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTION MAKE HE WOULD COMMUNICATE TO HIM.

4. THROUGH ORDER OF MALTA'S CURRENT FOCUS IS ON THE PROBLEM OF GETTING SUPPLIES TO BIAFRA AND REDUCING BACKLOG SUCH SUPPLIES BUILDING UP HERE, ORDER OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN ALL HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS BIAFRAN PROBLEM AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE PLEASED AS WELL TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RELIEF OF BIAFRAN CHILDREN IN GABON AND IVORY COAST AND FOR EVACUATION CHILDREN FROM BIAFRA.

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF; ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF# REYKJAVIKI 262, 251; GENEVA 1637, 1648; OSLO 2063.

1. PRIME MINISTER AGAIN RAISED STOCKFISH PROBLEM WITH MEI IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER HIS DINNER FOR SPAAKI 27 MAY. HEI SPOKE IN STRONGER TERMS THAN ON 20 MAY (REYKJAVIKI 251). IN RATHER EMOTIONAL VEIN HE EMPHASIZED HIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP FOR MEI BUT HIS NEED TO SPEAK OUT FRANKLY ON THIS VITAL ISSUE. HE REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO THE QTE PROMISE UNQUOTE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY AND MADE CLEAR HE CONSIDERED ITS FULFILLMENT A TEST OF US GOOD FAITH. HE DISMISSED MY REMINDER THAT OUR COMMITMENT WAS PREDICATED ON NIGERIAN NEED. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS MIND US OBLIGATION IS UNAFFECTED BY NORWEGIAN STOCKFISH GIFTS.

2. EARLIER AT SAME DINNER NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR MOHR AND I HAD ALSO DISCUSSED STOCKFISH. MOHR SAID HE HAD JUST FULLY REALIZED STRENGTH OF ICELANDIC FEELING ON THIS SUBJECT. ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET HIS GOVT TO BUY SOME ICELANDIC STOCKFISH, PERHAPS A THOUSAND TONS, TO GIVE AWAY WITH NORWEGIAN STOCKFISH IN ITS RELIEF PROGRAM.

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3. TODAY 28 MAY PRIMINISTER AGAIN CALLED ME IN ON SHORT NOTICE TO HIS OFFICE ON SAME SUBJECT. HE HANDED ME A COPY OF LETTER DESCRIBED IN GENEVA 1648 AND SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR THORSTEINSSON TO TAKE A COPY TO THE DEPT SOONEST TO ASK FOR US ACTION ON \$3 MILLION RED CROSS REQUIREMENT. HE SAID WHOLE POINT OF THIS MATTER IS WHETHER UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO HELP ICELAND AND HE HOPES FOR A QUICK DECISION. IN REPLY TO QUESTION HE CLAIMED THIS \$3 MILLION WOULD BUY ABOUT 3,000 TONS OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE MOST OF THEIR EXCESS. (COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SURE HE IS CORRECT ABOUT THIS. OUR LAST FIGURES WERE ALMOST TWICE AS HIGH.) I CONFINED MY RESPONSE TO MENTIONING AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF NIGERIAN REQUIREMENTS AND RED CROSS OTE NEEDS UNQUOTE IN THIS EQUATION AND SAYING I HOPED THIS LETTER WOULD CLARIFY THE NEEDS ISSUE DESPITE A CERTAIN LACK OF PRECISION IN ITS TEXT.

4. IMMEDIATELY AFTER INTERVIEW WITH PRIMINISTER (COMMERCE) MINISTER AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GISLASON (WHOM I CALLED ON ANOTHER SUBJECT) ALSO TALKED TO ME ABOUT STOCKFISH. HE DESCRIBED HIS VISIT TO GENEVA AND STRESSED PRIMINISTER'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND LATTER'S CONCERN THAT THERE HAD BEEN SO LITTLE ACTION THUS FAR BY UNITED STATES. I AGAIN PROMISED TO REPORT PRIMINISTER'S AND HIS REPRESENTATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT US ALREADY PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE MONEY FOR PURCHASE OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH AND HAD OFFERED FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE NEEDS.

5. COMMENT: PRIMINISTER'S AND GISLASON'S REMARKS CONFIRM ASSESSMENT OF PARA 5 REYKJAVIK 262 REGARDING GOI'S STRONG FEELING ON THIS SUBJECT. I HAVE NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT PRIMINISTER DOES FEEL HIMSELF UNDER GREAT PRESSURE. MOREOVER, HE SEEMS TO FEEL HE RECEIVED A FIRM PROMISE FROM THE SECRETARY IN THEIR 9 APRIL MEETING EVEN THOUGH THE MEMCON DOES NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT HIS INTERPRETATION.

6. I DEEPLY HOPE DEPT AND AIDI WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THIS REQUEST PROMPTLY. PRIMINISTER AND GISLASON CLEARLY BELIEVE THEY HAVE PROVEN IMMEDIATE RED CROSS NEED FOR 3,000 TONS OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH. THEY AND OTHER INFORMED ICELANDERS WILL CONSIDER IT BREACH OF FAITH IF WE DO NOT RESPOND, WITH CONSEQUENT DAMAGE TO OUR POSITION HERE. GP-3 HENRY

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May 28, 1969

Honorable Donald E. Lukens  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lukens:

In response to your telephonic request for a detailed list of everything the US Government is sending into Nigeria and a statement as to whether there has been any change in policy in regard to the type of equipment we are sending, the following information has been compiled.

Under the current AID program to Nigeria a great variety of items (enclosure 1) are being financed out of appropriated funds. These items are utilized in the capital projects and technical assistance programs that are presently underway in Nigeria. It should be borne in mind that although these items are financed under the AID program, they are purchased by the contractors or institutions concerned and are shipped to Nigeria by normal means. There has also been some direct procurement by AID under the relief program (enclosure 2).

In consonance with US policy announced four days after the outbreak of hostilities in 1967, no US arms or other lethal military items have been sold or supplied to either combatant. In 1964, before the war, we sold 24 106 mm recoilless rifles to the Nigerian Ministry of Defense, along with a limited supply of ammunition. Training was also provided the Nigerian Army in the use of these items at that time. However, the arms policy alluded to above has precluded any additional supplies of these weapons or any ammunition for them. It is probable that some of these weapons were in the possession of army units on both sides when the war began. Ammunition for them is available in countries other than the US.

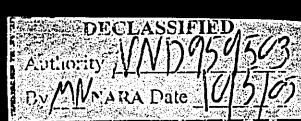
Our military assistance training program for Nigeria was suspended in June of 1967, just before the outbreak of hostilities. It was decided at that time that no new trainees would be accepted into the program but that those already in this country would be permitted to finish their training. Most of the 64 trainees in the US were recalled or finished their training within a short time and returned to Nigeria. Included among those 64, however, were 15 cadets attending American universities under a cost-sharing arrangement made with the Nigerian

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF; FERGUSON VISIT TO ROME

REF: LAGOS 4773

FROM: FERGUSON

RESULT NEW INSTRUCTIONS REGRET NECESSARY POSTPONE  
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FOR FERGUSONI FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSMI

REF: LAGOS 4793 COTONOU 572

1. DAVIDSON AND DAWSON SCHEDULED INTO ULI 1ST WAVE NIGHT OF MAY 28. AS OF MIDDAY LOCAL NO ENTRY PERMISSION BIAFRA YET GRANTED. TEAM WILL TRY TO ENTER ON STRENGTH ALREADY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS AND OTRUE NOTIFICATION. WILL NOTIFY IF FORCED TO RETURN.

2. WILL RETURN FRIDAY 1ST WAVE IF POSSIBLE AS INSTRUCTED ASSUMING ENTRY IS GRANTED. KNOX

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR FERGUSON VISIT

DUE CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW INSTRUCTIONS  
MUST POSTPONE VISIT PARIS SCHEDULED JUNE 5.

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SUBJECT: DRAFT NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE  
REF: STATE 26169, OSLO A-72.1. ARNESEN, FONOFF UN AFFAIRS CHIEF IN CONVERSATION WITH  
EMBOFFI REFERRED TO ATTITUDES SET FORTH IN REFTEL AND EXPRESSED  
WISH FOR ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT COMMENT ON SUBJECT PROPOSAL.2. HE OBSERVED THAT SINCE CANADIAN SECRETARY SHARP TO  
VISIT OSLO JUNE 8-10 AND SINCE NORWEGIANS HAVE CONSULTED  
REGULARLY WITH CANADIANS ON PROPOSAL, IT WILL BE MAJOR ITEM  
FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN SHARP AND FONMIN LYNG.3. ARNESEN PREPARING POSITION PAPERS THIS SUBJECT FOR  
SHARP TALKS AND FOR SEPT. ICRC ISTANBUL MEETING AT WHICH  
NORWEGIANS INTEND RAISE THEIR PROPOSAL MANNER AND FORM OF  
PRESENTATION AT ISTANBUL AND OR 2#TH UNGA STILL  
UNDECIDED. ARNESEN WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE KNOWING DEPT'S  
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING AGAINST RAISING PROPOSAL AT  
ISTANBUL TO ASSIST HIM IN DEVELOPING FONOFF POSITION.GP-B  
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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA.  
REF: OSLO 1420

FONOFF SOURCE MENTIONED TO EMBOFFI THAT PROPOSED FACT-FINDING  
DELEGATION REPORTED REFTEL EXPECTED BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.  
DELEGATION EXPECTED BE HEADED BY FONOFF (STATE SECRETARY)  
JACOBSEN AND TO INCLUDE MPS HENNINGSSEN (LABOR) AND AAN  
(CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY) AND AS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE  
PETER BUTENSCHON.

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1. ARMS LIFT ACTIVITY DROPPED OFF THIS WEEK COMPARED TO  
PREVIOUS WEEK. FOLLOWING PRESUMED ARMS FLIGHTS MADE SINCE  
MAY 17:

(3) DC-4 F-BBDD NIGHTS MAY 17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 21-22, 22-23.  
THIS AIRCRAFT MADE DAYLIGHT FLIGHT TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION  
MAY 20, DEPARTING HERE 1130 AND RETURNING SOMETIME PRIOR  
0730 NEXT DAY.

2. PRESUMED RELIEF FLIGHTS SINCE MAY 17:

DC-4 F-BRHE NIGHT MAY 20-21 (AND POSSIBLY NIGHT BEFORE AS WELL).

DC-6 OO-HEX NIGHTS MAY 19-20, 21-22, 22-23, 23-24.

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SUBJ: TALKS ON NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: LAGOS 4747, ACCRA 1638

1. HESITATE EXPLORE GOG WILLINGNESS TO HOST MEETING ON RELIEF UNTIL I KNOW DEPT'S REACTION ON PROPOSED GOG PEACE INITIATIVE. QUESTIONS WILL CERTAINLY ARISE ABOUT US ATTITUDE RE GOG INITIATIVE AND ALSO WHAT WILL BE EFFECT ON THAT INITIATIVE OF HOLDING IN ACCRA RELIEF TALKS PROMOTED BY US. GOG WARINESS OVER BIG-POWER INVOLVEMENT (ACCRA 1273, 1572) AND RELATIVE INDIFFERENCE TO RELIEF OPERATIONS ARE OTHER FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE US MAKES DIRECT APPROACH.

2. IF I APPROACH IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER GOG IS TO BE TOLD OF POSSIBILITY RELIEF TALKS MAY EXPAND INTO TRYING ARRANGE STEPS TOWARD ENDING CIVIL WAR.

3. DEPT MAY WISH PASS THIS TELEGRAM TO LAGOS FOR FERGUSON. FOLEY

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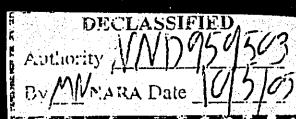
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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: FERGUSON VISIT

REF# STATE 084354

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AS INDICATED LAGOS 4431 (19 MAY), FERGUSON ARRIVING  
ROME 1620 SATURDAY MAY 31 VIA ALITALIA FLIGHT 837  
FROM LAGOS. THUS MEETING WITH POPE PAUL COULD TAKE  
PLACE AS EARLY AS JUNE 1. FERGUSON PREFERENCES MEETING  
EARLIEST JUNE 1 OR JUNE 2.  
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FMI: AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO: AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6831

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: FERGUSON VISIT TO ROME

REF ID: ROME 31741 LAGOS: 4768

RE: REFTEL, FERGUSON COULD CALL ON POPE EITHER JUNE 12 OR 13.

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SUBJECT: Possible FMG Reactions to Biafran Air Attacks

1. Ref (a) sent only in context of USG desire to avoid danger to  
we would see no need for  
relief air lift. Under circumstances, [redacted] formal reply  
mentioned para (5) ref B, [redacted]

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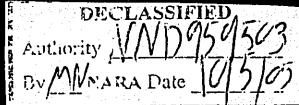
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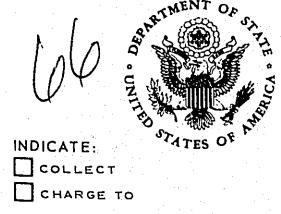
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1. Biafran New York mission informed May 26th of Dewey and Davidson's plans travel to Biafra May 28 or later and requested obtain clearance. JCA contacted and have put Dewey on passenger list for charter return flight to Amsterdam from Sao Tome June 4. JCA advised Dewey should arrive Sao Tome by June 3.

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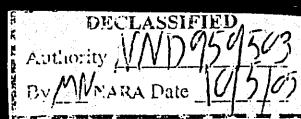
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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1648

LAGOS FOR FERGUSON

PASS U/CFI AND AID/NIGERIA/DESK

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF-ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF ID: GENEVA 1637

ICRC'S (AMMAN) LETTER DATED MAY 23 TO GOI  
MINI GISLASON STATES IN ESSENCE THAT STOCKFISH  
NEEDS FOR JUNE AND AUGUST ARE COVERED BY DONATIONS  
INCLUDING NORWEGIAN AND CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS.  
JULY NEEDS REQUIRE \$3 MILLION (INCLUDING REBUILDING  
RESERVES WHICH WILL BE DRAWN DOWN IN JUNE).  
ESTIMATE BASED ON PRESENT SITUATION WHICH MAY CHANGE.  
NO REPEAT NO MENTIONING OF TONNAGE REQUIREMENTS.

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LAGOS FOR FERGUSON

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. FREY, ICRC SUPPLY COORDINATOR TODAY GAVE GUTMAN COPY NEW PLAN OUTLINE COVERING PERIOD SEPT 69 THRU FEB 70 ON "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS". UNFORTUNATELY "PLAN" (COPY POUCHED SEPARATELY) AT THIS TIME CONSISTS MOSTLY PLATITUDES AND EXPECTS ICRC FIELD DELEGATIONS COME UP MEANINGFUL ANSWERS IN REPLY TO POORLY PHRASED BROAD-GAUGED QUESTIONS. GUTMAN SUGGESTED SEVERAL SPECIFIC POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION ESPECIALLY A NUMBER OF CONTINGENCY ASSUMPTIONS WITH REQUIREMENTS RATHER THAN FUNDING AS POINTS OF DEPARTURE. FREY REASONABLY OPENMIDDED (THOUGH HIS PRIDE AUTHORITY "PLAN" EASILY HURT) BUT FEELS MUST DEFER ANY CHANGES UNTIL RETURN CHIEF OPERATIONS SCHEEDLER (CO-AUTHOR OF "PLAN") WHO PRESENTLY IN COTONOU. HOPEFULLY SCHEEDLER GIVING MORE DETAIL INSTRUCTIONS TO ICRC FIELD REPS.

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2. ICRC HAS SCHEDULED FIELD CONFERENCE IN ACCRA, JUNE 10-13. PARTICIPANTS ARE LINDT, SCHEEDLER, FREY AND ICRC DELEGATES AND THEIR PLANNING OFFICERS FROM LAGOS, BIAFRA, COTONOU, ST. ISABEL. NO REPEAT NO THOUGHT GIVE INVITE JCA REP. GUTMAN STRESSED NEED ESTABLISH TOTAL REQUIREMENTS PICTURE WITH COORDINATED SUPPLY TRANSPORT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REPRESENTING OTHER SIDE SAME COIN. WHILE ICRC/LAGOS COULD PROBABLY SPEAK ALL RELIEF AGENCIES OPERATING FMG TERRITORY, ICRC DELEGATE WOULD ONLY REFLECT PARTIAL PICTURE BIAFRA OPERATION. FREY AGREED AND WILL CABLE SCHEEDLER SUGGESTING INCLUSION JCA IN ACCRA MEETING. REP TO COME PREFERABLY FROM STUTTGART/ COPENHAGEN POLICY STAFF RATHER THAN FROM SAO TOME OPERATIONS BASE.

3. PROBABLY AS RESULT DISCUSSIONS PARA 1 AND 2 FREY SUGGESTED GUTMAN ATTEND ACCRA MEETING. LATTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION DEFERRED COMMITMENT RETURN AMB FERGUSON.

4. GUTMAN STRESSED AGAIN NEED COME UP WITH CONCRETE PROJECTIONS IN RESPONSE NORWEGIAN INITIATION FOR JUNE 5 MEETING IN HAGUE, INCLUDING LAND, WATER CORRIDORS, DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS CONTINGENCIES AND PRINCIPAL PERMUTATIONS. HOWEVER, OBVIOUS THIS NOT ONE DAY MISSIONARY EFFORT. HE WILL GET NAVILLE AND BORSINGER (ICRC EXEC SECY) FOCUS ON URGENCY REALISTIC PLANNING EFFORT DURING MEETING TOMORROW ON ANOTHER SUBJECT.

5. GENDRON IS SHOWN ON DISTRIBUTION LIST AS ONLY NON-ICRC RECIPIENT. SUGGEST IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COMMUNICATED HIS PERSONAL REPEAT PERSONAL CONCERN THIS SUPERFICIAL ICRC PLANNING EFFORT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO OUR REACTION.

6. IF AMB FERGUSON SHOULD SEE SCHEEDLER, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF HE COULD REVIEW ICRC PLANNING APPROACH WITH HIS MACE.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: STATE 084353

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BOTH MONSIGNORS BAYER AND GASPARRI WHO CONFIRM POPE'S DESIRE MEET WITH AMBASSADOR FERGUSON. ON BASIS LAGOS 4431 WHICH SUGGESTS FERGUSON'S ARRIVAL ROME MAY 31 EMBASSY TOLD VATICAN FERGUSON AVAILABLE EITHER JUNE 2 OR 3.
2. IF FERGUSON'S ARRIVAL EVENING JUNE 2 IS FIXED EMBASSY WILL SO INFORM VATICAN AND BELIEVE AUDIENCE CAN BE ARRANGED MORNING JUNE 3. HOWEVER, VIEW POPE'S BUSY SCHEDULE PRIOR HIS TRIP TO GENEVA JUNE 7 SUGGEST IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE OFFER VATICAN BOTH DAYS.
3. POPE'S DAILY SCHEDULE NOT MADE UP UNTIL DAY OR TWO PRECEDING AND EXACT TIME OF AUDIENCE WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THEN.

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FOR DWYER, EUR/SCAN

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF: ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: GENEVA 1637: STATE 63462: REYKJAVIK 251, 211: DWYER/HALL  
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1. TEXT OF NOTE NUMBER 14, 25 APRIL, TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
SIGNED HENRY IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE VARIOUS APPROACHES WHICH  
OFFICIALS OF THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE TO OFFICIALS  
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE CONVERSATION  
WHICH PRIME MINISTER BUARNI BENEDIKTSSON HAD WITH THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE ON 9 APRIL 1969 AT WASHINGTON, REGARDING THE SALE OF  
ICELANDIC STOCKFISH.

B. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT, I AM  
HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL  
CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED  
CROSS AND OTHER NIGERIAN RELIEF DONORS TO PURCHASE ICELANDIC  
STOCKFISH TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS NEED FOR STOCKFISH IN

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THE NIGERIAN RELIEF PROGRAM. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

C. SINCE THE FOOD RELIEF NEEDS IN NIGERIA ARE NOT WELL DEFINED AT THIS MOMENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AND FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION IN LAGOS.

D. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

2. NOTE OPERATIVE PORTIONS ABOVE TEXT ARE TAKEN ALMOST VERBATIM FROM STATE 63462.

3. I ALSO INFORMED PRIME MINISTER BENEDIKTSSON ORALLY OF SUBSTANCE ABOVE NOTE SAME DATE.

4. IN ASSESSING GENEVA'S REPORT ON GISLASON'S REPRESENTATION ABOUT STOCKFISH (GENEVA 1637), ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE MADE FOR GISLASON'S PERSONALITY. HE IS MOST ENERGETIC, HARD DRIVING MEMBER OF ICELANDIC GOVT, TALKS BRILLIANTLY BUT SOMETIMES CARELESSLY. I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE HIS STATEMENT THAT QTE LACK OF RELIEF ACTION COULD RESULT IN CABINET CRISIS, NEW ELECTIONS WITH MOST UNCERTAIN OUTCOME AND FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR US INSTALLATIONS IN KEFLAVIK UNQUOTE (PARA 3). ALSO BELIEVE PRIME MINISTER HAS BROADER VIEW OF US RELIABILITY THAN STOCKFISH QUESTION ALONE.

5. NEVERTHELESS GISLASON IS QUITE CORRECT THAT MATTER IS A MAJOR POLICY ISSUE FOR THE ICELANDIC GOVT AND THAT GOVT CONSIDERS US COMMITMENT, DESPITE QUALIFICATION ABOUT NEED IN NIGERIA, AS AN ABSOLUTE ONE. ANY ICELANDIC FEELING WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SQUIRM OUT OF IT WOULD DO OUR NATIONAL INTEREST HERE A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE.

GP-3 HENRY

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF, ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: GENEVA 1637; OSLO 1846 AND 959 (NOT ALI), OSLO A-71,  
2/21/69 (NOT TO GENEVA)

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(GENEVA 1637) WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR INTERESTS IN NORWAY.

2. DISPOSAL OF STOCKFISH INVENTORY WHICH IS ALREADY  
UNDERWRITTEN BY GONIS MATTER OF MAJOR AND  
CONTINUING POLITICAL/ECONOMIC CONCERN TO GONIS VIRTUALLY  
ALL OF NORWAY'S STOCKFISH SHIPMENTS TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA  
(70 PERCENT OF TOTAL COMMERCIAL STOCKFISH EXPORTS PRIOR TO WAR)  
DISRUPTED BY WAR RESULTING IN VERY LARGE SURPLUS WHICH  
COULD TOTAL 18,000 METRIC TONS BY END 1969 IN ABSENCE DIRECT

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GONI MEASURES DISPOSE PRESENT SURPLUS AND AS MUCH OF CURRENT PRODUCTION AS POSSIBLE. CONCERN OVER STOCKFISH GLUT REPEATEDLY VOICED IN NORWEGIAN PRESS, PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT (REF A). GONI SENSITIVITY ON SUBJECT HEIGHTENED BY UPCOMING SEPTEMBER GENERAL ELECTION. USG APPROACH EVEN SUGGESTING CURTAILMENT OR REDESIGN OF GONI/NIGERIA/BIAFRA AID PROGRAM TO SERVE ICELANDIC NEEDS WOULD, IN OUR VIEW BE CONSIDERED BY GONI AS INTERFERENCE IN SENSITIVE INTERNAL MATTER, AND GRATUITIOUS ADVOCACY OF THIRD COUNTRY'S INTERESTS.

3. GONI HAS ALREADY TUPPED NIGERIA/BIAFRA AID ANTE BY INCLUDING FOR FIRST TIME, IN RECENTLY APPROVED AND PROPOSED STOCKFISH SHIPMENTS, PAYMENT OF CHARGES FOR PREPARING AND SHIPPING STOCKFISH TO NORWEGIAN PORT. THIS WILL AMOUNT TO ADDITIONAL 3 MILLION KRONER GONI CASH OUTLAY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE WHEN PARLIAMENT APPROVES PROPOSALS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION (OSLO 1846).

4. BEYOND IMMEDIATE QUOTIONS OF STOCKFISH, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY'S VIEWS (OSLO 959) ON USG THINKING IN TERMS ADVOCACY NORWEGIAN ROLE IN BAIROUT OF ICELAND REMAIN VALID. IN SHORT, GISLASON STATEMENT THAT NORWAY COULD MAKE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS UNQUOTE IS UNREALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF WHAT GONIABLE AND WILLING TO DO IN LIGHT STOCKFISH GLUT AND RELATED ECONOMIC/POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

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Edward Cornely	K505181	Miami, Florida	April 13, 1974
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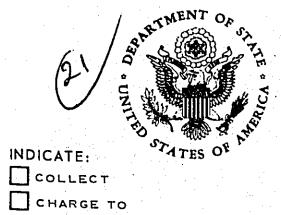
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FROM: FERGUSON

SINCE I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ARIKPO AT 1000 A.M. TOMORROW  
MAY 26, I WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH GOWON  
THROUGH HIM TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS PARA 2 REFTEL  
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- (a) Para. 2, B 2 a: Should read "Balance on hand."
- (b) Para. 4: Should be \$675,000~~X~~ and 750 tons.
- (c) Para. 6: Should be \$1,525,000.

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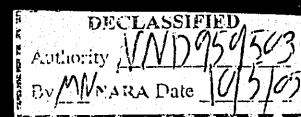
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C O N F I D E N T I A L L A G O S 4775

1. FERGUSON, CHARGE AND FERGUSON STAFF CALLED ON REAR ADMIRAL WEY NIGERIAN NAVY FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSION RE WATER ROUTES ON MAY 27.

2. ADMIRAL SAW NO OBJECTION AND APPROVED BASIC CROSS RIVER ROUTE PLAN: OCEAN GOING TRANSSHIPMENT TO LSM IN BONNY ESTUARY THENCE UP CROSS RIVER. NAVALL INSPECTION AND CUSTOMS CAN BE ARRANGED AT POINT OF TRANSSHIPMENT.

3. ADMIRAL INFORMED THAT FERGUSON WOULD OFFER REHABILITATION COMMISSION TWO SMALL LCM-VI FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN RIVERS AREA. ADMIRAL INDICATED HE KNEW OMO-BARE WOULD ACCEPT. ALSO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IDEAL WAY TO PUT DISPLACED RIVER BOATMEN TO WORK. ADMIRAL OFFERED TO PROVIDE ALL REPAIR WORK THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED.

4. ADMIRAL WAS CLEARLY INFORMED THAT LSM'S WERE COMPLETE WITH COLOMBIAN CREWS AND UNDER COLOMBIAN FLAG AND WOULD BE OPERATED BY ICRC. ALSO INFORMED LCM-VI WERE FOR SHIPMENT OR RELIEF SUPPLIES BY REHABILITATION COMMISSION. ADMIRAL REPLIED HALF JOKINGLY THAT "WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER (THE WAR) WE WILL PICK UP ANYTHING LYING AROUND!"

5. COMMENT: APPEAR TO HAVE ESTABLISHED FIRM WARM RELATIONSHIP

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WITH ADMIRALI AND STAFF WHICH WILL PERMIT MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE  
LSM OPERATION.

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S E C R E T LAGOS 04776

1. LINDT AND GEN. BERG CALLED ON FERGUSON MAY 27 RE RELIEF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. LINDT STATED HE HAD JUST LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT PRIOR TO FERGUSON VISIT DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN GOWON, ARIKPO AND BABA GANA ON QUESTION OF HIM INVOLVEMENT IN RELIEF DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE ARIKPO ARGUED NO HIM INVOLVEMENT NECESSARY AND MATTER NEVER CAME UP IN PRIOR ARIKPO-FERGUSON DISCUSSIONS. BUT ACCORDING TO SOURCE GOWON VERY FIRM THAT INVITATION MUST COME FROM HIM.

3. LINDT ALSO STATED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT GOWON TAKING POSITION NO INTERMEDIARY ACCEPTABLE ON RELIEF MATTERS. FERGUSON INFORMED LINDT THAT QUESTION NEVER CAME UP IN ARIKPO DISCUSSIONS. IN FACT ARIKPO EXPECTS FERGUSON TO CONTINUE EFFORT WITH "BIAFRANS" AND ARRANGE INVITATION FROM HIM (LAGOS 4747).

4. COMMENT INFO PARA 3 PROBABLY DIRECTED AT LINDT HIMSELF. FMG POSITION LIKELY BASED ON FMG DISTRUST OF LINDT WHICH FERGUSON HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

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LIMDIS1. FERGUSON AND CHARGE CALLED ON ARIKPO MONDAY, MAY 26.  
PRESENT WITH ARIKPO WAS ENAHORO.

2. ARIKPO WAS INFORMED OF PLEDGE BY BISHOP SWANSTON OF NO PUBLICITY ON REPLACEMENT C-97. FERGUSON INDICATED HE HAD PROMISED AMBI IYALLA THAT U/CF WOULD USE BEST EFFORTS WITH RELIEF GROUPS TO KEEP REPLACEMENT ON NO PUBLICITY BASIS.

3. ARIKPO REAFFIRMED FMG AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CROSS RIVER ROUTE AND WILLINGNESS TO TALK. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE AT THE INVITATION OF HIM HAILE SELASSIE. LATER IN CONVERSATION ARIKPO ASKED "WHAT DO THEY (BIAFRANS) WANT TO TALK ABOUT ANYWAY -- EVERYBODY HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE?" FERGUSON REPLIED HE HAS LIMITS TO BEING MIDDLEMAN BETWEEN SIDES. FACE-TO-FACE AGREEMENT ON MODAZA IS NECESSARY FOR TROUBLE-FREE OPERATION. ARIKPO ALSO STATED NO PROBLEM WITH FMG ABOUT TIME. FERGUSON EXPRESSED URGENCY OF GETTING TALKS EARLIEST IN VIEW OF FRAGILE NATURE OF AIRLIFT.

4. ARIKPO INDICATED ADDIS SUITABLE SITE BECAUSE PREVIOUS SITE FOR CONTACTS. FERGUSON PRESSED FOR "ALTERNATIVE" SITE WHICH WOULD BE NEARER AND MORE CONVENIENT TO PARTIES. FERGUSON DID NOT DISCLOSE BIAFRAN REJECTION OF ADDIS SINCE FERGUSON'S LAST VISIT.

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LAGOS. ACCRA EMERGED AS ALTERNATE SITE. ARIKPO'S WORDS: "EITHER ADDIS OR ACCRA APPROPRIATE PLACE." LONDON, WASHINGTON OR ANY CITY OUTSIDE AFRICA RULED OUT.

5. ARIKPO EXPECTS USG MAKE APPROACH TO HIM TO ISSUE INVITATION.

6. FERGUSON RAISED ISSUE POSSIBLE CHANGE IN FMG POLICY RE AIRLIFT AS INSTRUCTED. HE CITED PRESS REPORTS AND EDITORIALS IN LAGOS PRESS CALLING FOR CHANGE IN POLICY AND POSSIBLE NIGERIAN AIR FORCE REACTION TO BOMBING. FERGUSON EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OF USG ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE WHICH MIGHT INCREASE RISK TO AIRLIFT. MENTIONED ADVERSE REACTION WHICH WOULD ENSUE IF A RELIEF PLANE WERE SHOT DOWN.

7. ARIKPO NEITHER CONFIRMED OR DENIED POSSIBLE CHANGE OR CHANGE IN POLICY. STATED THAT GENERAL GOWON COULD GIVE AUTHORITATIVE ANSWER DURING FERGUSON CALL. ARIKPO STATED NIGERIAN AIR FORCE ORDERED TO HUNT DOWN BIAFRAN BOMBER. HE STATED THAT SINCE SOME REPORTS INDICATED THAT BIAFRAN BOMBER HAD RED CROSS MARKINGS THERE MIGHT BE A RISK TO RED CROSS PLANES. HE STATED THAT RED CROSS PLANES FLY SO LOW OVER KWALEI "COULD SHOOT IT WITH RIFLE".

8. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT REPORT OF RED CROSS MARKINGS PROBABLY OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC ANTI-RED CROSS REPORTER. FERGUSON ADDED THAT ALL RED CROSS PLANES LARGE AND MOST ARE FOUR ENGINES -- HENCE COULDN'T CONFUSE WITH SMALL FIXED GEAR BOMBER. ARIKPO ADDED "WELL, MAY NOT BE A PROBLEM SINCE BOMBINGS HAVE BEEN ALL DAYLIGHT." HE THEN REPEATED THAT QUESTION OF HPIG POLICY IS FOR GOWON.

9. ARIKPO PROMISED TO ARRANGE CALL ON GOWON BUT NOTED THERE IS DOUBLE HOLIDAY (TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY). VISIT THEREFORE PROBABLY THURSDAY.

10. FERGUSON-ARIKPO AGREED TECHNICAL STAFF DISCUSSION CROSS RIVER BE CONDUCTED WITH ADMIRAL WEY.

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11. COMMENT A: HIM INVITATION NEW ELEMENT. ALSO INITIAL INSISTENCE ON ADDIS AS MEETING PLACE OUTSIDE SCOPE OF ALL PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS. SUSPECT ORIGIN OF THIS FMG POSITION IS ENAHORO. ARIKPO MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE WHEN HE WAS ALONE IN LONDON. (ARIKPO HAD INDICATED TO FERGUSON IN LONDON THAT "SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAD ACCUSED ME (ARIKPO) AND GOWON OF HOLDING OUT INFORMATION OF FULL DETAILS OF FERGUSON PROPOSAL ON LAST VISIT." ARIKPO INDICATED CHARGE MADE IN FMG DISCUSSIONS OF "FERGUSON BOMBING STATEMENT.")

12. COMMENT B: IN VIEW OF ARIKPO'S STATEMENTS RE FMG RELIEF POLICY AND REACTION TO BOMBING BELIEVE BEST WAY TO PROCEED ON DEMARCHE IS TO RAISE MATTER WITH GOWON UNDER COVER OF COURTESY CALL. FMG OFFICIALS APPEAR TO BE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO SUBJECT IN LIGHT OF PORT HARCOURT AND BENIN ATTACKS AND RISING TIDE OF CALLS IN LOCAL PRESS TO IGNORE OUTSIDERS AND GET ON WITH IMPOSING MILITARY SOLUTION.

13. FERGUSON SUGGESTS FOLLOWING PLAN OF ACTION RE TALKS:  
(A) CONTACT BIAFRANS VIA COTONOU TO SUGGEST ADDIS ABABA OR ACCRA AS VENUE. (B) WILL SEND NOTE TO ADDIS AFTER APPROVAL SECSTATE TO BE DELIVERED BY EMB SUGGESTING HIM ISSUE INVITATION TO BOTH SIDES FOR RELIEF CORRIDOR TALKS AT EITHER ADDIS OR ACCRA (BELIEVE WE CAN ASSUME BIAFRANS WILL REJECT ADDIS). DRAFT OF NOTE WILL BE SENT DEPT ASAP.  
(C) REQUEST EMBASSY ACCRA EXPLORE WITH GOG WILLINGNESS TO HOST MEETING IN CASE HIM MAKES REQUEST FOR ACCRA AS SITE.  
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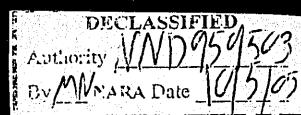
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1. Request you confirm travel plans with Ferguson upon arrival. Davidson expected back May 31. Dewey could end tour and return Europe via Sao Tome and Lisbon if feasible. At present travel to Uli does not appear ~~is~~ advisable.

2. Please give us at least three working days advance notification to obtain ~~XXXXXX~~ clearance.

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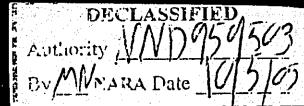
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

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2) TELCON GUTMAN-NORTH MAY 23:

1. IN ABSENCE AMB TUBBY, ICELAND MINCOMMERCE GISLASON ACCCOMPANIED BY AMB MAGNUSSON SPOKE WITH LENT ANDI GUTMAN. GISLASON BRIEFLY TRACED US-ICELANDIC RELATIONS IN POST WWII PERIOD AND DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH ECONOMIC PLIGHT FACED IN RECENT YEARS.
2. IN TURNING TO STOCKFISH GISLASON EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT COME AS SALESMAN BUT TO DISCUSS EXISTING COMMITMENT. ACCORDING GISLASON GOI PM HAD MENTIONED PROBLEM TO PRES. NIXON (DURING NATO ANNIVERSARY MEETING) WHO REFERRED HIM TO SEC ROGERS. LATTER HAD SHOWN FULL COMPREHENSION PROBLEMS FACING GOI AND AGREED TO PM'S PROPOSAL THAT STOCKFISH REQUIREMENTS BE PURCHASED BY ICRC FROM ICELAND THROUGH SPECIALLY EARMARKED US CONTRIBUTIONS OVER AND ABOVE REGULAR US CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC NIGERIAN RELIEF

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EFFORT IN EXPLAINING THAT THIS WOULD LARGELY LIQUIDATE ICELAND STOCKFISH SURPLUS STORE. GISLASON INDICATED THAT THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SEC AND PM INVOLVED \$3-4 MILLION.

3. GISLASON CONVEYED PM'S EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT AT SLOWNESS US PERFORMANCE WHICH GAVE RISE TO DOUBTS RE US GOOD FAITH. STATING THAT HE WAS NOW SPEAKING MOST CONFIDENTIALLY GISLASON INDICATED LACK OF RELIEF ACTION COULD RESULT IN CABINET CRISIS, NEW ELECTIONS WITH MOST UNCERTAIN OUTCOME AND FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR US INSTALLATIONS IN KEFLAVIK. GISLASON STATED QUITE BLUNTLY THAT PM CONSIDERED MATTER TEST OF US RELIABILITY ADDING THAT PM HAD GREAT PERSONAL PRIDE OF AUTHORITY IN FORMULA COMBINING ICELAND NIGERIAN RELIEF.

4. GISLASON (WHO MADE ENTIRE PRESENTATION WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM MAGNUSSON) EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD JUST MET WITH ICRC OFFICIALS, IN RESPONSE TO HIS SPECIFIC REQUEST. ICRC HAD AGREED TO GIVE HIM LETTER STATING IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY PLACE ORDERS FOR 3000 MT STOCKFISH IF FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE. GOI INTENDED TO TRANSMIT THIS LETTER TO US EMB REYKJAVIK REFERRING TO CHARGE HENRY'S NOTE (WHICH HE READ TO US OFFICERS) CONFIRMING SECY-PM UNDERSTANDING. (ICRC OFFICIAL AMMANN (PROTECT) INCIDENTALLY HAD SHOWN GUTMAN EARLIER IN DAY COPY OF US NOTE TRANSMITTED BY GOI TO ICRC ACT PRES. FREYMONDI MARKED "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL"). NOTE ICRC ASST DIR BASSETT TOLD GUTMAN LATER IN EVENING HE AND AMMANN HAD CAREFULLY SPOKEN TO ICELANDIC REPS ABOUT PROTEIN NEEDS NOT LIMITED TO STOCKFISH BUT INCLUDING CODEISH AND CMS. PREPARATION LETTER HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY AMMANN WHO HAD LEFT ON LONG LOCAL HOLIDAY WEEKEND BY THEN. EXPECT OBTAIN COPY NEXT WEEK.

5. IN RESPONSE TO GISLASON REQUEST FOR COMMENTS US OFFICERS POINTED TO TEXT MAY 22 FERGUSON PRESS RELEASE WHICH ESPECIALLY MENTIONS SEPARATE US CONTRIBUTION FOR STOCKFISH PROCUREMENT FROM ICELAND. OFFICERS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY PROBLEMS RELATING TO ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS AS FUNCTIONS OF NEEDS, SHIPPING, WAREHOUSING, TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION CAPACITIES REGARDLESS OF FUNDINGS, AVAILABILITIES AND REFERRED TO POLITICAL MILITARY VARIABLES OF SITUATION, EXPECTATION WAS EXPRESSED THAT PRESENT CONSULTATION TRIPS BY AMB FERGUSON AND LINDT AND OTHERS WOULD WITHIN FEW WEEKS GIVE FIRMER BASIS FOR REQUIREMENT PROJECTIONS INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OTHER DONATIONS TO MEET PROTEIN FOOD NEEDS.

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6. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION NORWEGIAN AND CANADIAN FISH OFFERS GISLASON STATED THESE COUNTRIES COULD MAKE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND SHOULD BE SO INFORMED PREFERABLY BY USG OR, IF NEEDED BE BY GOI. 80 MINUTE MEETING ENDED WITH USUAL PLEASANTRIES.

COMMENT: GISLASON WAS MOST EMPHATIC THROUGHOUT MEETING AND LEFT NO DOUBT THAT MATTER HAS BECOME MAJOR POLICY ISSUE BOTH WITHIN GOI INVOLVING PM'S PERSONAL PRESTIGE AND IN TERMS: GOI-US RELATIONS.  
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SUBJECT: DAYLIGHT AIRLIFT

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH FERGUSON AND CHARGE TODAY, LINDT REVIEWED BIDDING ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS SCORE BE POSSIBLE RESTATING HIS VIEW BIAFRANS WOULD LIKE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT WITH FMG, WHICH COULD LEAD TO RESOLVING PROBLEMS CONNECTION AIRLIFT AND PERHAPS TO BROADER TALKS. ALSO RECALLED THAT BRIG EKPO FMG CHIEF STAFF HAD BEEN PLEASED WHEN HE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY BIAFRAN AGREEMENT ON AIRLIFT AND RECALLED HIS CONVERSATION WITH ARIKPO IN WHICH HE TOLD THAT ANY SUCH PROPOSAL SHOULD GO TO ETHIOPIAN EMPEROR ORI OAU.

2. IN RECENT TRIP TO QTE BIAFRA UNQUOTE; HOWEVER, EVEN AFTER HE HAD MENTIONED ROLE ENVISAGED BY FMG FOR EMPEROR AND MATTER HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY QTE BIAFRAN UNQUOTE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACCORDING LINDT COOKEY AND QTE GREAT HOPES THAT FERGUSON BE ABLE TO ARRANGE DISCUSSION ON SURFACE ROUTE UNQUOTE AND DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS COULD BE TAKEN UP IN CONNECTION SURFACE ROUTES. ACCORDING LINDT THEY SAW NO REPEAT NO DIFFICULTY REI FERGUSON SURFACE PROPOSAL AND THOUGHT IT COULD BE WORKED OUT RAPIDLY.  
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SUBJECT: Nigerian Relief

1. Following released by Department at 1230 hrs Washington time  
Thursday May 22:

"The United States announced today an additional contribution of six million dollars for the relief operations of the International Committee of the Red Cross in easing the plight of victims of the civil conflict in Nigeria. Ambassador C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., the U.S. Special Coordinator on Nigerian Relief, informed the ICRC of the added relief contribution during his current visit to Geneva.

"The additional funds, which will help finance ICRC operations from June through August, bring total U.S. Government financial

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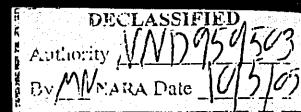
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assistance to twelve million dollars for its March through August relief operation in Nigeria.

"At the same time, Ambassador Ferguson announced a special additional contribution of \$450,000 to purchase 500 tons of stockfish from Iceland to replenish ICRC's stocks in Nigeria. Stockfish requirements are presently under review and further contributions for this purpose may be made to meet the contingency needs arising from the Nigerian conflict.

"The Office of the Special Coordinator has cooperated closely with the ICRC in obtaining special equipment to assist in the relief effort. Two landing ships medium (LSM's) will soon arrive in West Africa and will initially serve to increase the coastal carrying capacity of the relief services. Eventually, these ships will be available for a variety of operations for which existing craft are not suitable. The Office of the Special Coordinator will continue its close collaboration with the ICRC in the area of forward planning

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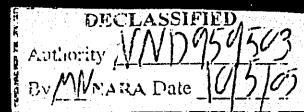
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to meet the contingency needs of the Nigeria/Biafran relief.

"Ambassador Ferguson is en route to Lagos to meet with Nigerian officials. He will leave Geneva on Friday. He was last in The Hague where bilateral talks on relief were concluded with the Foreign Ministry of the Netherlands."

2. After Department spokesman read excerpt of foregoing, following Q and A ensued:

"Q. Can you say what funds were used for this purpose? Did it come from the President's Emergency Fund, or State Department funds, or what?

"A. If I may, I would like to introduce Mr. Steve Schott, who is Executive Director of the Office of Nigerian Relief. He will take questions on this on BACKGROUND.

"Mr. Schott: With regard to the question of where the funds come from, I believe all of the funds come from supporting assistance in the AID program.

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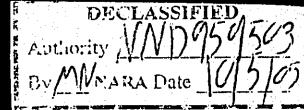
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"Q. Can you tell us the total to date the United States has contributed to this worthy cause? It is now around \$40 million?

"A. It would be now around \$52 million and something.

"Q. Does that include private assistance?

"A. No, it does not include private assistance, which we calculate as having run about \$10 million at present. Fifty-two Governmental, plus another ten; add on another \$450,000 for stockfish so far. There are various items that increase it slightly.

"Q. What is stockfish, please?

"A. It is an air-dried white fish, one of the cod species, I guess, but I am not sure whether it is actually cod. It is very prominent, by the way, in Scandinavia where it has been a traditional food.

"Q. Now, these two landing ships, is this something new that you are announcing today?

"A. Yes, the landing ships are just what they say -- landing

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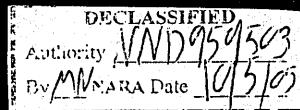
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ships medium -- with a load capacity of an average of about 900 tons, which may be used to phase out part of the present coastal capacity being used to transfer goods, that is, relief supplies, and so forth, from Lagos to forward positions like Calabar or Port Harcourt.

"Q. Are these old U.S. Navy surplus?

"A. They are chartered vessels. They do not come from present Government surplus. They were already in the commercial charter market.

"Q. Are you chartering them; are you paying for them?

"A. No, we are not. The ICRC is chartering them. It is a contract between the ICRC and an agent for the owner of the vessels.

"Q. Is there any thought of facilitating any more aircraft for the ICRC or the church groups?

"A. Not at this time. It is under consideration, but there is no decision at present.

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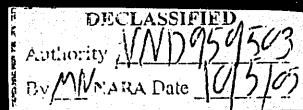
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"Q. Mr. Ferguson is going to Lagos to talk to Nigerian officials. Has he any new proposals to make to them?

"A. Well, I don't think he would be going to Lagos if he didn't have new proposals. However, I think these proposals tie in with proposals he made on his first trip; I am not prepared, however, to comment on the nature of the proposals.

"Q. But there has been some modification of the original proposals?

"A. On the first trip, as he has explained, he did propose a package deal on night flights. He also made other proposals relating to surface corridors. At this time, of course, proposals on daylight flights do not appear to be as promising as they did a couple of months ago, and therefore the stress is being placed this time on surface relief corridors.

"Q. When did the Ambassador leave for this trip?

"A. He left on Sunday evening, the 18th.

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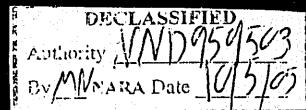
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"Q. Did you say the stress is now on surface cargoes?

"A. Corridors. I think this is almost a logical deduction inasmuch as if we are not putting stress on the flights, particularly the daylight flights, which is the only way we had to raise tonnages, surface corridor proposals are the only other --

"Q. This is not a new proposal, I am right?

"A. There has been discussion on surface corridors for quite a while.

"Q. Are you closer in any way to getting such corridors?

"A. We hope we are. I can't elaborate on it.

"Q. Are those rail or highway from neighboring countries?

"A. Theoretically all surface corridors will be under discussion.

"Q. Including the use of water?

"A. Yes.

"Q. What is the average tonnage going into Uli now, and is

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there any other field besides Uli being used?  
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"A. The average/tonnage into Uli for the month of April has been calculated about 300 tons. I have not reviewed the statistics for this month in any depth. I think it is probably down slightly, because of the crash of the DC-6 of ICRC, and also because of the crash of the C-97, which occurred, as I recall, May 5 and 7.

"Q. Is this relief that is spoken of in the Press Release today entirely for the Federal Government area?

"A. No. The amount of money -- both figures, as a matter of fact, both the \$6 million and the \$450,000, will be used as necessary for either side of the battle lines. There is no distribution of these sums between the Federal side and the Biafran side. They will be used as needed to meet the needs.

"Q. I am sorry, I didn't see a \$6 million figure in here.

"A. Right at the top.

"Q. Sorry. Also, do you have a breakdown of the \$52 million,

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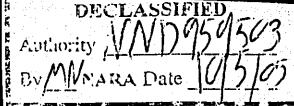
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as to how much has gone to Biafra and how much to the Federal side?

"A. I think a breakdown of that sort would be almost impossible. It would take a very laborious auditing procedure because of the fixed capital costs of a lot of this operation. There are certain aspects, of course, which could be sorted out, but the fixed capital costs are very large, and it would be difficult to distribute those between the two sides.

"Q. Any calculated figures on starvation at the moment -- daily, monthly, or any other?

"A. No, we don't at the present moment. I can only rely on the statement by Ambassador Lindt who, as you know, is in and out of Biafra quite often, and he states -- and I assume that this is taken from the reports of the ICRC team -- so it is sort of a compilation of their data that there is at present no severe starvation, that the need has been met substantially. Of course, there continue to be pockets of people who are found, who come out

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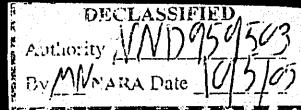
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of the bush, who are in bad condition, and, of course, at the present time there is the tonnages of about 300 a day; so people are literally at the end of a very tenuous relief line.

"Q. They are still flying out of Fernando Po, Cotonou, and Sao Tome?

"Q. Yes.

"Mr. Bartch: Thank you, Steve."

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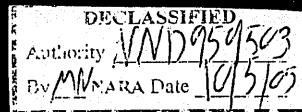
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FOR FERGUSON

SUBJECT: Unconfirmed Report FMG Considering Interdiction Relief

Flights

REF: Lagos 4603

1. Gowon probably is receiving diverse advice as to FMG stance toward relief flights. Therefore in talk with him it would be very useful if you could learn his current thinking and, as you deem necessary, encourage Gowon not to take interdiction measures against them.

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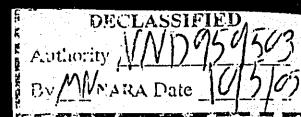
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FOR: AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

PASS: U/CFI

1. NAVILLE PRES: ICRC ASKED GUTMAN TO CALL ON HIM THIS AFTERNOON. EXPRESSED HIS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE FATE OF THE ITALIAN PRISONERS HELD BY BIAFRAN ARMY. ASIDE FROM HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, NAVILLE ENVISONS POSSIBLE MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS ON ICRC FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR NIGERIAN/BIAFRAN RELIEF.

2. NAVILLE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AMB FERGUSON WOULD DISCUSS SUBJECT MATTER WITH AMB LINDT AND MIGHT FIND WAYS AND MEANS OF USING HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS AND INFLUENCE WITH BIAFRAN LEADERSHIP TO EXPEDITE LIBERATION OF PRISONERS. NAVILLE UNDERSTANDS THAT ISSUE DOES NOT FALL WITHIN TERMS OF REFERENCE COORDINATORS IMMEDIATE MANDATE. HOWEVER HE FEELS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUED FLOW OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS CANNOT BE OVERSTATED.

3. NAVILLE RELATED EARLIER MEETING TODAY WITH ITALIAN AMB AND SECRETARY PEDESTI (PHONE TIC) WHO HAD COME FROM ROME TO SEE HIM. LATTER HAD STATED ITALIAN PUBLIC AND POLITICIANS STIRRED UP TO POINT WHERE CABINET CRISIS COULD

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NOT BE EXCLUDED UNLESS THE PRISONERS WERE PROMPTLY RELEASED.

4. NAVILLE EXPLAINED THAT ICRC ACTION POSSIBILITIES ARE VERY LIMITED AS ACTIVE INTERCESSION FOR A SMALL GROUP OF WHITE INDIVIDUALS WOULD REKINDLE OLD ISSUES AND ALLEGATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF WHITE CONGO MERCENARIES AND MIGHT JEOPARDIZE ENTIRE BIAFRA RELIEF ACTION UNDER ICRC SPONSORSHIP.
5. GUTMAN POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR AMB FERGUSON BUT FELT CERTAIN THAT AM WILL FULLY APPRECIATE NAVILLE'S CONCERN AND MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT ALSO FACE SEVERE LIMITATIONS.
6. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU WISH US TRANSMIT REPLY TO NAVILLE.

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PASS: AID: HELEN WILSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - FISH REQUIREMENTS

REF #: STATE 080584

1. ICRC HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR. WRINCH, THEIR CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE, DATED MAY 16:

QTE: NIGERIA/BIAFRA. REFI YOUR REQUIREMENTS OF COMMODITES TO BE IMPORTED LAGOS ETC. PLEASE REFER OUR EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES OF MAY 12. THESE REFERRED TO AN ENQUIRY ONLY AND NOT A FIRM OFFER AND THEY ENVISAGED TWO SHIPMENTS, ONE IN JULY, OTHER IN AUGUST EACH OF ONE THOUSAND TONS DRIED SALT FISH. YOUR PAPER NOW REFERS TO SHIPMENTS IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST TOTALLING 3500 TONS AND SHOWS THEM AS FIRM PROMISES. QUITE IMPOSSIBLE MAKE SHIPMENT NOW TO ARRIVE IN JUNE AND AS YOU KNOW, MAXIMUM OF 2000 TONS MAY BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO NEW CATCH BEING AVAILABLE AND THIS ONLY IF APPROVED BY CANGOV. UNQUOTE. TUBBY

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CAN YOU FURTHER IDENTIFY "ICRC FOOD SURVEY TEAM" AS:  
ICRC HQ UNABLE TO GIVE ANSWER ON THAT BASIS. IF REFERENCE  
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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - COOKEY

LINDT (ICRC) TOLD DAWSON MAY 22 THAT COOKEY (BIAFRA) SEEMED PLEASED WITH PROSPECT OF TALKS AND THOUGHT THEY COULD START IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. LINDT THOUGHT TALKS WOULD PROBABLY COVER SURFACE ROUTING AND DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. LINDT APPARENTLY BRIEFED BY JENNY (ICRC) ON CONDITION OF EAST-WEST BUSH ROADS, FEELS THAT DUAL DISCUSSION GOOD IDEA BECAUSE HE FEARS CUT OFF OF AIRLIFT BEFORE CONVOYS FROM SURFACE ROUTE DEPOTS CAN BE REGULARIZED. KNOX

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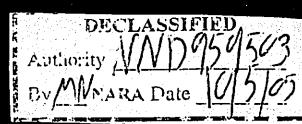
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REF: STATE 080584; GENEVA 1473

1. DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH ICRC SHOWS AGREEMENT ON BASE FIGURES PARAS 1 AND 2 REF 1. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL DATA RECEIVED FROM ICRC REQUIRE CHANGES IN PARAS 3 AND 4.

2. ICRC HAS FORMALLY ACCEPTED NORWEGIAN DONATION (REF 2) OF 500MT AND 1 MILLION KRONER (APPROX 600,000 SWISS FRANCS) IN LIEU 1,500 MT WITHOUT CASH. AMMANN (PROTECT) EXPLAINED THAT DECISION REFLECTS PRESSURES OTHER GOVT'S ESPECIALLY SWEDEN, WHO OPPOSE CONTRIBUTIONS ENTIRELY IN KIND REQUIRING CASH SUPPORT BY OTHER DONORS.

3. OXFAM MAY MAKE CASH CONTRIBUTION EQUAL TO SHIPPING COSTS OF 500 MT. HOWEVER YET UNDETERMINED WHETHER GRANT WOULD GO TO ICRC OR CHURCHES.

4. ICRC HAS BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN TO DATE WHETHER CHURCHES WILL ACCEPT 1,500MT NORWEGIAN DONATION OR OPT FOR FISH WITH CASH FORMULA. IT IS LIKELY THAT DECISION MUST AWAIT DR. GEISEL'S

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RETURN FROM BIAFRA SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

5. CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION NOT RPT NOT YET FIRM OFFER. IN ANY EVENT DONATION LIMITED TO 2,000MT CODFISH OF WHICH 1,000MT WOULD ARRIVE NOT BEFORE SEPTEMBER. (DETAILS IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.)

6. BASED ABOVE, MAXIMUM KNOWN AVAILABILITIES THROUGH AUGUST SHOW 1,000MT NORWEGIAN DONATION TO ICRC (INCLUDING 500T COMPLEMENTED BY OXFAM CASH GRANT), 1,500MT NORWEGIAN GIFT TO CHURCHES AND 1,000MT FIRST TRANCHE CANADIAN CODFISH RESULTING TOTAL OF 3,500MT AGAINST REQUIREMENT OF 5,640MT. IF CHURCHES OPT FOR 500MT WITH CASH KNOWN AVAILABILITIES WOULD BE REDUCED TO 2,500MT. HAVE URGED AMMANN TO PRESS OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS (INCLUDING UNICEF, SHELL, ETC.) FOR REPLIES SO THAT FIRM GAP FIGURE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. IF CANADA COULD BE PERSUADED TO ADVANCE SHIPMENT OF SECOND 1,000MT CODFISH TRANCHE, SHORTFALL WOULD SHRINK BY THIS AMOUNT.

7. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. TUBBY

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

UNCLS: THE HAGUE 1967

LAGOS: FOR FERGUSON

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: GENEVA 1577

NETHERLANDS MISSION GENEVA HAS FORWARDED INVITATION TO  
FREYMOND TO ATTEND JUNE 5 HAGUE GROUP MEETING. RESPONSE  
NOT YET RECEIVED. TYLER

THE HAGUE  
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1. LINDT ARRIVING LAGOS APPROXIMATELY 1400 LOCAL 24 MAY. CAN SEE FERGUSON ANYTIME FROM 1530. REQUEST RESERVATION LINDT AT FEDERAL PALACE.
2. IN ANSWER THEIR QUERY, LINDT REQUESTS SWISS EMBASSY KEEP COMM OPEN TO BERN DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND. KNOX

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2127

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

1. FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL NIGHTS, BOMBER DID NOT APPEAR  
ULTI NIGHT OF MAY 22. TO AVOID BOMBERS ICRC HAD DECIDED  
CHANGE FLIGHT PLANS TO TWO PER NIGHT BY HOLDING FIRST WAVE  
UNTIL 1800Z. DUE TO RAPID OFFLOADING MEASURES AND UNDOUBTEDLY  
CUTTING CORNERS ON IN AND OUTBOUND FLIGHT PATTERNS AT LEAST ONE  
C-97 MANAGED THREE TRIPS. EIGHT ICRC TRIPS MADE DURING NIGHT.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS CURRENT FOR APRIL BOMBING  
PAUSE. SOME CREW MEMBERS, WHO CLAIM TO KNOW BOMBER PILOTS,  
SAY BOTH ENGINES OF BOMBER HAD TO BE REPLACED. ANOTHER STORY  
IS: OYWRI SIEGE USED ONLY AVAILABLE LOW FLYING AND SLOW PISTON  
ENGINE AIRCRAFT FMG (HAS FOR AIRDROPS. (ONE AIRCRAFT SAID TO BE  
OLD UK TRANSPORT/BOMBER.) PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION BOMBING PAUSE  
WOULD BE COMBINATION THESE STORIES. KNOX

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6756/

UNCLAS: LAGOS 4640

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SUBJ: FIELD MANUAL

FROM WOOD FOR FLAHERTY - PASS TO SPO NORVA.

REQUEST THREE COPIES OF FM 55-15, TRANSPORTATION  
REFERENCE DATA FIELD MANUALS BE FORWARDED TO ME ASAP.  
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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS:  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6718:  
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SUBJ: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON LSMS

REF ID: GENEVA-S 1573:

1. SUGGEST LAST FEW WORDS LAST SENTENCE FIRST PARA BE  
CHANGED TO READ "TO MEET THE CONTINGENCY RELIEF NEEDS  
ARISING FROM THE NIGERIAN CONFLICT" OR "TO MEET THE CONTINGENCY  
NEEDS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR" OR "TO MEET  
CONTINGENCIES IN PROVIDING RELIEF TO IDEAL VICTIMS OF THE  
CIVIL WAR IN NIGERIA".  
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TO: AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: ITINERARY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

REF: STATE 79009

FSO ROBERT OAKLEY WILL MEET AMBASSADOR FERGUSON ON  
ARRIVAL JUNE 5. SINGLE BATH RESERVED HOTEL CASTIGLIONE.  
SHRIVER

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6733

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SUBJECT: UNCONFIRMED REPORT FMG CONSIDERING INTERDICT

REFLIEF FLIGHTS

REFI DAO 222 MAY 1969

JOINT EMBASSY DATT COMMENTS

1. WHILE SOURCE DUBIOUS, NEVERTHELESS, IN LIGHT COMMENTS MADE BY GOWON IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR TO ILLLEGAL FLIGHTS (REPORTED LAGOS 4392) AND WITH UK HIGH COMER ON HIS DEPARTURE (REPORTED LAGOS 4524) WE CANNOT DISCOUNT REFERENCED REPORT ENTIRELY.

2. FMG UNDOUBTEDLY FRUSTRATED AT THIS JUNCTURE. LIKELY THEY HOPED FOR SOME REDUCTION ARMS FLIGHTS WITH DEPARTURE DE GAULLE, BUT JUDGING FROM AVAILABLE REPORTS (LIBREVILLE TELSKETCH) THIS NOT THE CASE. FURTHERMORE, APPEARS UNLIKELY FEDERAL FORCES BE ABLE CAPTURE JULI BY GROUND FOR SOMETIME TO COME IN LIGHT RECENT CHANGES IN DIVISION COMMANDS WHICH BOUND DELAY OPERATIONS. GROWING RECOGNITION NECESSITY BLOCKING ARMS FLIGHTS COULD IMPEL FMG RESORT TO ATTACKS

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ON AIRCRAFT AS ONLY MEANS AVAILABLE THEM TO STOP ARMS FLOW.

3. WE DOUBT INTENTION ANY POLICY CHANGE WOULD BE SINGLE OUT RELIEF FLIGHTS FOR ATTACK AND BELIEVE MERCENARY REFERENCE TO "RELIEF FLIGHTS" SHOULD BE READ AS REFERENCE TONIGHT FLIGHTS IN GENERAL. BELIEVE FMV LIKELY MAKE EFFORT SINGLE OUT ARMED FLIGHTS BUT THIS NEAR IMPOSSIBLE AND IF ATTACKS RELIEF THERE GRAVE RISK SHOOTING DOWN RELIEF FLIGHTS. IF FMG HAS INDEED MADE REPORTED REVISION PRESENT POLICY THEY PROBABLY PREPARED ACCEPT THIS RISK. BELIEVE GOWONI WOULD FIRST GIVE RELIEF AGENCIES WARNING.

4. BELIEVE FMG DOES HAVE CAPABILITY INTERCEPT RELIEF PLANES. PERIODICALLY PLANS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED INTERCEPT FLIGHTS INTO ULI NONE OF WHICH CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY DUE LIMITED CAPABILITY RELUCTANCE FMG BRING ON ITSELF INTERNATIONAL OPPROBRIUM, AND IN PART DUE RELUCTANCE MERCENARIES.

5. FMG UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE MERCENARY PILOTS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT MADE REAL EFFORT NEUTRALIZE ULI THUS FAR QUITE LIKELY WHILE SOVIETS RELUCTANT AND PROBABLY UNWILLING PROVIDE OWN PILOTS, THEY HAVE BEEN CRITICAL THIS SITUATION. (EMBASSY BELIEVES FMG UNLIKELY WANT SOVIET PILOTS) GOBIRI MAIN POINT CONTACT BETWEEN SOVIETS AND FMG AND ALTHOUGH NOT REPEAT NOT AT ALL CLEAR HE IN SOVIET POCKET HE MAY WELL BE INFLUENCED BY CONTACTS TO URGE STRONGER MEASURES STOP ARMS FLIGHTS. (SOVIETS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OF COURSE BE ADVERSE TO ANY MOVE TENDING ISOLATE NIGERIAN FROM WESTERN NATIONS) GOBIRI RETURNED FROM SOVIET UNION ABOUT MAY 20 SAME DAY MERCENARIES ALLEGED THEY GIVEN NEW ORDERS.

6. WE CONSIDER LIKELIHOOD FMG PURCHASING MIG-21'S DOUBTFUL IN VIEW REQUIREMENT FOR SOVIET PILOTS GROUND CREWS AND EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES, AND EXTENSION RUNWAYS WHICH ACQUISITION THIS COMPLEX AIRCRAFT WOULD REQUIRE.

7. WE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLEGED CHANGE FMG POLICY AND HOPEFULLY WILL HAVE CLEARER PICTURE IN DAY OR TWO.

8. SEE ANL-2237 WHICH UNDER PREPARATION.

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FOR DAWSON.

1. Ferguson departed Washington May 18.

2. His itinerary now as follows:

May 21 1000 arrive Geneva from The Hague

May 23 1345 leave Geneva SR 252 overnight Accra

May 24 0955 arrive Lagos

May 31 0820 leave Lagos AZ 837 arrive Rome 1620

June 3 1445 leave Rome SR 606 arrive Geneva 1615

June 5 1000 leave Geneva AF 665 arrive Paris 1055

June 6 0830 leave Paris AF 804 arrive London 0930

June 7 1430 leave London PAA 107 arrive Dulles 1745

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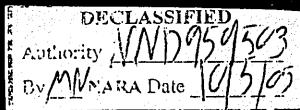
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FM USMISSION GENEVA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1350

CONFIDENTIAL GENEVA 1573

1. REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE RELEASE 12:00  
NOON WASHINGTON THURSDAY, MAY 22, SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE 5:00 PM  
GENEVA TIME.

2. QTE. THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH THE ICRC IN OBTAINING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEF EFFORT. TWO LANDING SHIPS MEDIUM (LSM'S) WILL SOON ARRIVE IN WEST AFRICA AND WILL INITIALLY SERVE TO INCREASE THE COASTAL CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE RELIEF SERVICES. EVENTUALLY THESE SHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A VARIETY OF OPERATIONS FOR WHICH EXISTING CRAFT ARE NOT SUITABLE. IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE ICRC TO PROCURE THESE VESSELS THE US GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY RELEASED ONE MILLION DOLLARS AS AN ADVANCE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECOND THREE MONTHS OF THE SIX MONTH PLAN. THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR WILL CONTINUE ITS CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE ICRC IN THE AREA OF FORWARD PLANNING TO MEET THE CONTINGENCY NEEDS OF NIGERIA/BIAFRAN RELIEF.

AT THE SAME TIME THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A SPECIAL ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$450,000 TO PURCHASE 500 TONS OF STOCKFISH FROM ICELAND TO REPLENISH ICRC STOCKS IN NIGERIA. STOCKFISH REQUIREMENTS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY BE MADE AS REQUIREMENTS ARE PROVEN. UNQUOTE.  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 602  
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S E C R E T LONDON 4009

GENEVA FOR AMB: FERGUSON

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SUBJ: GOWON ON RELIEF AND PEACE TALKS

REF: LONDON 3935-Pol 27-9 Biafra - Nigeria

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1. FONOFF HAS SHOWN US BRITISH HICOMER'S REPORT OF HIS FAREWELL CALL ON GEN GOWON MAY 19. ON DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS. GOWON REFUSED TO BELIEVE ICRC COULD BE RELIED ON TO REPORT ARMS FLIGHTS AND SAID FMG WOULD INSIST ON SERIAL SURVEILLANCE. HE CLAIMED THAT "RELIABLE REPORTS" INDICATED ARMS HAD GONE INTO BIAFRA WITH RED CROSS MARKINGS AND SPOKE BITTERLY ABOUT LINDT. HUNT SAID HE ARGUED WITH GOWON ALONG FAMILIAR LINES, BUT THOUGHT HE HAD MADE LITTLE IMPRESSION ON HIM.

2. GOWON TOLD HUNT THAT LINDT HAD BROUGHT PROPOSAL FROM BIAFRANS FOR SECRET TALKS. BABAGANA, WHO WAS WITH GOWON, SAID FMG WAS WILLING TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS BUT IF BIAFRAN PROPOSAL WAS SERIOUS IT OUGHT TO BE REFERRED TO HAILE SELASSIE WHO COULD THEN DECIDE WHERE SECRET MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD. THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN HUNT'S REPORT WHETHER GOWON AND BABAGANA THOUGHT LINDT WAS GOING TO CARRY MATTER ANY FURTHER. ANNENBERG

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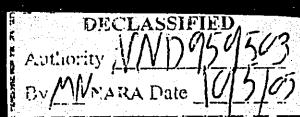
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SUBJECT: JOHN U. D. PAGE

FROM WOOD FOR FLAHERTY PASS TO SPO NORVA

1. TO REDUCE TURNABOUT TIME PERFORM SHIPYARD OVERHAUL WORK AND INSTALLATION OF SPARE PROPULSION UNITS AT ASANO DOCKYARD UNDER ONE CONTRACT. INSTALLATION OF UNITS TO BE UNDER SUPERVISION OF VOITH SCHNEIDER AND FUJI.

2. UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACT WITH FUJI DISASSEMBLY REMOVED UNITS AS REQUIRED TO INSPECT ALL WEARING PARTS. THIS WORK TO BE UNDER SUPERVISION OF VOITH SCHNEIDER. GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH REQUIRED PARTS NOT COVERED UNDER PRESENT GUARANTEE. UPON REASSEMBLY PRESERVE UNITS AS REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENT AND STORAGE AT OKINAWA. IN CONTRACT INCLUDE ONE YEAR GUARANTEE AFTER INSTALLATION. FUJI TO DELIVER RECONDITIONED UNITS TO NSDI YOKOSUKA FOR SHIPMENT TO OKINAWA.

3. RECOMMEND MAN FROM OUR OFFICE WRITE ALL

SPECIFICATIONS AND ACT AS COR DURING THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

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FMI AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2122

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

1. SOME ARMS PLANES PROBABLY LANDING UGA, "NEW" AIRSTRIP NORTH OF ULI. THIS AIRSTRIP APPROXIMATELY SAME LENGTH AS ULI AND PROBABLY WIDENED ROAD AS IS ULI. NO ICRC AIRCRAFT LANDING THERE. ARMS FLIGHTS ULI RAN ABOUT FIVE PER NIGHT, BUT SOME WERE DC-4'S WITH 7 TON LOAD CAPACITY. (ABOVE FROM ICRC SOURCE)

2. ULI AND UGA BOMBED NIGHTS OF 19TH AND 20TH. BOMBING BECOMING MORE ACCURATE. NONE MORE THAN 100 METERS FROM STRIP. THERE WERE ALSO DAYLIGHT MIG ATTACKS ON UGA.

3. NIGHT OF MAY 20 FIRST WAVE DID NOT RETURN UNTIL 0130 LOCAL DUE HOLDING BECAUSE OF BOMBING ATTACK. THIS SO FAR OFF SCHEDULE THAT THREE FLIGHTS IMPOSSIBLE.

4. IN VERY HURRIED CURBSIDE CHAT WITH DAWSON ON 20TH LINDT (ICRC) SAID COOKERY (BIAFRA) EXPECTED TALK TO DAWSON ABOUT VENUE OF TALKS. LINDT DERARTED FOR BIAFRA/NIGHT OF 20TH TO TALK ABOUT CAPTURED AGIP PERSONNEL. RUMOR ABOUT AGIP PERSONNEL IS THAT 20 WERE CAPTURED AND 18 ARE STILL ALIVE. BIAFRANS TOLD LINDT SATURDAY THAT THEY WOULD MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT AGIP EMPLOYEES BY MONDAY, BUT NONE HAS BEEN MADE.

5. MILITARY SITUATION APPEARS BIAFRANS APPROXIMATELY 20

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FOR U/CF

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF--PREPARATIONS FOR FIFTH HAGUE GROUP  
MEETING

REF: HAGUE 1262, HAGUE 1879 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: LAST HAGUE GROUP MEETING MARCH 31 (HAGUE 1262)

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CONCENTRATED ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS AND LEFT SURFACE CORRIDORS FOR FOLLOWING MEETING, TO BE HELD AFTER U.S. ABLE COMPLETE ITS STUDY OF PROBLEM. FERGUSON AIDES SCHOTT AND DEWEN, TOGETHER WITH EMBOFF, MET MAY 17 AND 19 WITH MFA DIRECTOR AFRICAN-ME AFFAIRS (HUYDECOPER) AND STAFF TO COMPAREI NOTES AND TO DRAFT JOINTLY A MEMORANDUM ON RELIEF CORRIDORS FOR PRESENTATION TO HAGUEHDROUP MISSIONS, IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT EXPERT-LEVEL MEETING AT 1400 HOURS JUNE 5 IN THE HAGUE. DRAFTS OF MEMORANDUM AND COVERING MFA NOTE APPROVED BY FERGUSON MAY 20 (HAGUE 1879). JUNE 5 MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS (AT NORWEGIAN INITIATIVE) FINANCING OF RELIEF EFFORT. MFA NOTE AND MEMORANDUM FOLLOW UR POUCH (STATE FOR AFW, FBX, AND U/CF). END SUMMARY.

2. MFA NOTE TO HAGUE GROUP MISSIONS BASES CALL FOR JUNE 5 EXPERTS MEETING FIRST ON NORWEGIAN NOTE OF MAY 14, WHICH (A) REQUESTS DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF RELIEF PROGRAM, HOPEFULLY LEADING TO SOME COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL PLANS OF GOVERNMENTS, (B) HOPES ICRC WILL GIVE BRIEFING ON ITS BUDGETARY PROBLEMS, AND (C) EXPRESSES INTEREST IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. MFA NOTE THEN PROPOSES GROUP ALSO DISCUSS "POSSIBILITIES OF EXTENDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOW IN OPERATION AND FINDING OF MORE EFFECTIVE WAY OF TRANSPORTING RELIEF SUPPLIES." NOTE ASSUMES THAT CHANCES OF SOON REALIZING DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS TO ULI "PRACTICALLY NIL", AND STATES IT THEREFORE TIME TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON SURFACE ROUTE. THIS REGARD, NOTE REFERS TO ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM ON RELIEF CORRIDORS AS CONTAINING THOUGHTS ELABORATED IN CONSULTATION WITH FERGUSON, BUT (AT FERGUSON'S REQUEST) DOES NOT IDENTIFY MEMORANDUM AS CO-AUTHORED BY U.S. GOVERNMENTS ARE SPECIFICALLY ASKED IN NOTE TO INVENTORY POSSIBILITIES OF FINDING SMALL LANDING CRAFT OR BARGES FOR USE IN SHALLOW WATERS (E.G., FOR ORASHI RIVER).

3. MEMORANDUM (CLASSIFIED SECRET TO DISCOURAGE MISUSE BY GROUP MEMBERS) IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. PART ONE REVIEWS NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FOOD TONNAGES FOR BIAFRA, PROBLEMS (SO PRESENT AIRLIFT), AND FAILURE OF OTHER CORRIDORS PROPOSALS TO DATE. IT ARGUES THAT ONLY WATER ROUTE LIKELY MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS, BUT IS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT EVEN THAT WILL NOT ALLOW END TO AIRLIFT. TWO ROUTES MENTIONED ARE CROSS RIVER AND OGUTA TERMINUS OF ORASHI RIVER (WITH

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SEVERAL POINTS OF ENTRY). LATTER IS DESCRIBED AS WORTHY OF CONTINUED STUDY, WHILE FORMER HAS FEWER SHORT-RUN PROBLEMS AND IS ALREADY BEING URGED ON BOTH SIDES BY FERGUSON. (MEMO CONTAINS NO RPT. NOT DETAILS OF FERGUSON'S OTHER EFFORTS.)

GOVERNMENTS ARE URGED TO SUPPORT FERGUSON INITIATIVE--BUT "WITHOUT TAKING ANY DIRECT DEMARCHE TO EITHER SIDE AT THIS TIME"--AND TO REFRAIN FROM BRINGING FORWARD CONFLICTING PROPOSALS. PART TWO OF MEMO (ENTITLED "ACCESS ROUTES") CONTAINS SEVERAL DETAILS OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF TWO WATER ROUTES, INCLUDING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF BONNY RIVER AS TRANSFER POINT, AND POSSIBLE USE OF LSM'S FROM THERE TO CROSS RIVER.

4. MFA NOTE AND MEMORANDUM WERE DRAFTED (FORMER BY MFA, LATTER BY SCHOTT AND DEWEY) AFTER LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS MAY 17 AND 19. MFA'S HUYDECOPER AGREED READILY THAT ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO FERGUSON'S EFFORTS ON CROSS RIVER AND DEFERRED

TO U.S. JUDGMENT ON TACTICS, SUGGESTING ONLY THAT IT WISER TO BRING IN HAGUE GROUP IN SOME WAY AT THIS JUNCTURE IN ORDER AVOID CONFLICTING INITIATIVES FROM OTHERS. (THIS REGARD, HE SAID NORWEGIAN NOTE APPARENTLY RESULT OF HEIGHTENED PARLIAMENTARY PRESSURES WHICH LED TO RECENT CALL ON NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO SEND CABINET MEMBER TO NIGERIA.) HUYDECOPER WAS DISSUADED BY SCHOTT AND DEWEY FROM SUGGESTING USE OF OAU GUARANTEE FORCE ON WATER CORRIDORS AND FROM PURSUING ORIGINAL DUTCH IDEA OF LAST JANUARY THAT HAGUE GROUP WOULD SUBMIT FORMAL PROPOSAL TO EMPEROR IN ADDIS. HE HAD SOME DOUBT BIAFRANS WOULD ACCEPT EVEN PERfunctORY INSPECTION OF LSM CARGOS BY FMG; HOWEVER, AND LEANED TOWARD USE OF ICRC AS GUARANTOR. HE REPORTED THAT RECENT INQUIRY BY HIM AS TO AVAILABILITY IN NIGERIA OF 80-100 TON BARGES (FOR POSSIBLE USE ON ORASHI) HAD PRODUCED SAME RESPONSE GIVEN US--I.E., ALL TIED UP BY LONG LEASES, BUT HE THOUGHT SOME SHALLOW-DRAFT CRAFT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FROM GERMAN SOURCES.

5. ON FINANCIAL QUESTION, HUYDECOPER WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF WRESTING FURTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION FROM DUTCH AID BUDGET THIS YEAR. HE POINTED AS WELL TO SHARP DECREASE IN FUNDS FORTHCOMING FROM PRIVATE SOURCES: HERE THIRD NATIONAL COLLECTION DRIVE, APRIL 28-MAY 4, HAD PRODUCED ONLY 5-600,000 GUILDERS (DOLLS EQUALS 3.6 GUILDERS).

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2. RESERVATION MADE BY EMBASSY LAGOS ON AZ-837 MAY 31 TO ROME SUITABLE.
3. IN LIGHT CHANGE OF PLANS EMBASSY LONDON REQUESTED CANCEL HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MAY 22-23.

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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: US Policy on Biafra

PARTICIPANTS: Congressman Thaddeus J. Dulski, (D-N.Y.)  
Mr. Clifford Suggs, United Auto Workers, Local No. 897

Ambassador C. Robert Moore, Deputy Assistant Secretary, AF  
Mr. Robert P. Smith, Alternate Country Director, AF/W

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The appointment with Ambassador Moore was arranged by Congressman Dulski on behalf of his constituent, Mr. Suggs. Mr. Suggs is a member of a Buffalo, New York local of the UAW and serves as Labor Union Coordinator for Biafran relief in western New York. In introducing him, Mr. Dulski praised the amount of study and effort Mr. Suggs had undertaken on the Biafran problem and his efforts to interest the UAW membership in alleviating the suffering in Biafra.

Mr. Suggs explained that he first became interested in the Biafran problem sometime ago when FMG military activities began to "smell of genocide." He has subsequently been actively working with Operation Outrage and the American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive. He described his present mission to the State Department as one of presenting some petitions signed by persons in the Buffalo area. One took the form of several hundred single mimeographed sheets printed by the American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive, each signed by an individual, calling for US diplomatic recognition of Biafra. Mr. Suggs also presented three large (4'x2') cardboard petitions quoting President Nixon's September 10, 1968 campaign statement referring to "genocide" and calling upon the President to live up to his campaign pledge to use America's wealth and resources in the relief effort without regard to "diplomatic niceties." Each of these large cardboard petitions carried hundreds of signatures from the Buffalo area.

Mr. Suggs outlined his concern over "genocide" and starvation in Biafra and said Senator McCarthy had "summed it up neatly" in his Senate speech of the previous day in which he called for US recognition of Biafra. Mr. Suggs urged a complete reappraisal of US policy in Biafra.

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and especially "joint Congressional hearings" to permit the American public to get the facts. In the latter connection, he complained of a "press boycott" in the United States of news favorable to Biafra and of the activities of persons such as Senator Goodell who are trying to remedy the situation. He wanted US aid to Nigeria terminated and also complained that our "aid to England" was being used indirectly to provide British arms to the FMG.

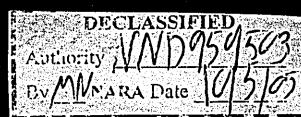
Congressman Dulski indicated that while he did not share all of Mr. Suggs' views, he had noticed a tendency on the part of the State Department to try to avoid Congressional hearings on Biafra. He was reminded of the recent appearances on the Hill of Dr. Ferguson, including the public hearings by Chairman Diggs. Mr. Dulski also asked why the UN had not been seized with the Nigeria/Biafra problem, but disassociated himself from Mr. Suggs' statement that the US should simply "demand" UN action and, if necessary, that the two sides reach an early agreement.

Ambassador Moore explained the lack of support in the UN for such action and our inability to "demand" it. He then corrected several effors of fact in Mr. Suggs' presentation (i.e. that our aid to Nigeria was being diverted to the military effort and that we have provided arms and ammunition to Nigeria) and went on to stress the depth of USG concern over the problem and the amount of time devoted to it. He cited Dr. Ferguson's appointment as an indication of that concern and outlined the various relief actions the Government had taken in cooperation with other agencies. He also explained the complexities of both the political and relief situation in Biafra, illustrating them by a description of the difficulties in getting an agreement between the two sides on daylight flights. He made clear that we share the concern expressed by Mr. Suggs over the suffering and that Dr. Ferguson's current trip abroad was one in a long series of actions we have taken in an attempt to cope with the problem.

In closing Ambassador Moore recalled the sharp distinction drawn by the President between our participation in the humanitarian relief effort and involving ourselves in the political affairs of others. Mr. Dulski injected that the State Department could only reflect the basic foreign policy decisions taken by the President and said he felt the best course of action open to Mr. Suggs and others would be to attempt to arrange open hearings on the problem. Ambassador Moore congratulated Mr. Suggs on his deep interest in this complicated problem and on the amount of work he had obviously expended in his efforts thus far. He assured him that we would give his petitions full consideration.

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1. Difficulties have arisen regarding visas Fletcher and party due lack of action this matter by ICRC. Suggest you contact Rehab Commissioner and ask him expedite issuance visas by Nigerian Embassy here on basis FMG support this relief project as reported para 2 reftel.
2. LSMs sailing on schedule which according May 16 telcon Fletcher was to be May 19-20.

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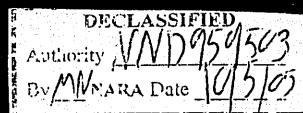
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SUBJ: VISIT OF NIGERIAN RELIEF COORDINATOR FERGUSON

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1. WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING SITUATION IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA WITH AMBASSADOR FERGUSON. WE ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PARIS STOPOVER TO MEET QUIETLY WITH KEY FRENCH OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE. TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION WILL PROBABLY BE DIVERTED ON RUN-OFF ELECTIONS (SET FOR JUNE 15 IF NO CANDIDATE GETS MAJORITY ON JUNE FIRST) BUT WE CAN ALMOST CERTAINLY LINE UP OFFICIALS BELOW MINISTERIAL RANK. IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR FERGUSON WE WOULD LIKE AUTHORIZATION RAISE IT WITH QUAI AFRICAN DIRECTOR LEVEL.

2. GIVEN PROBABLE ELECTORAL SITUATION, WE BELIEVE THAT FERGUSON VISIT SHOULD BE KEPT AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE AND THERE SHOULD BE NO STATEMENTS TO PRESS. ONCE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED WE THINK IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR FERGUSON TO COME BACK FOR ANOTHER, MORE OFFICIAL VISIT AT SUITABLE TIME.

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - DAWSON THREE DAY TRIP TO BIAFRA

1. ARRIVED SUNDAY, MAY 11, LEFT WEDNESDAY, MAY 14. DURING ENTIRE TIME STAYED WITH ICRC MOVEMENT CONTROL HQ.

2. FIRST DAY MAY 12. LEFT ICRC HQ COMPOUND WITH CHIEF MEDICAL ADVISOR EDVALI (PHONETIC). FIFTY MINUTE TRIP TO OWERRI, THEN TO OGUTU TO SICK BAY. VISITED THREE SICK BAYS THAT MORNING AND SAW FEW CASES OF VARIOUS FORMS ACUTE MALNUTRITION. MINOR CASES, HOWEVER, AND DISEASES, CHRONIC AND OTHERWISE, STEMMING IN PART FROM MALNUTRITION VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE. WENT WITH MEMBER TEAM 8 (ORLU PROVINCE) TO NEWLY OPENED FEEDING CENTERS. THESE FEED MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AND PROVIDE MILK THE OTHER THREE DAYS. OBVIOUSLY GOOD ATTENDANCE AND ALTHOUGH WE ASKED SEE SEVEN DIFFERENT FEEDING CATEGORIES, INCLUDING KWASHIOKOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, DAWSON DID NOT SEE MANY BAD CASES AT THESE LOCATIONS.

3. SECOND DAY: TRAVELED BY CAR WITH EDVALI AND JENNY TO EASTERN AREAS: VISITING TEAMS 18 (WITH FATHER DOHENY) AND TEAM 7. ROUTE (APPROXIMATE) AS FOLLOWS: ORLU TO UDO TO NGURU THROUGH BUSH ACROSS IMO RIVER ON BAILEY BRIDGE THROUGH BUSH TO IKOT EKPENE - UMUAHIA (TARI) ROAD SOUTH THEN EAST ON BUSH ROADS TO AROCHUKO. TARI ROAD NORTH TO EBEMI THEN WEST TO AZUKABENI (PHONETIC) AND FURTHER WEST TO (WITHIN A COUPLE OF MILES) BENDE TO LOOK AT REFUGEE CAMPS.

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4. ALTHOUGH THIS AREA CAUGHT IN THE SOUTHWARD DRIVE OF FMG 2ND DIVISION, REFUGEES ON THE WHOLE SEEMED WELL TAKEN CARE OF, WELL FED, ETC. MANY STILL IN BUSH AND MORE COMING IN FROM TIME TO TIME. SOME MINORITIES IN THE CAMPS - THREE CAMPS WE SAW WERE CLAIMING TOTAL OVER 6,000. ALTHOUGH 3,500 WOULD BE HIGHEST ESTIMATE OUR GROUP.

5. ALTHOUGH RAINS ARE FREQUENT IN BIAFRA NOW, FULLY RAINY SEASON HAS NOT STARTED. EVEN SO, AND DESPITE ROAD WORK IN EVIDENCE, BUSH ROADS WE TRAVELED, ESPECIALLY EAST OF IMO, WERE VERY ROUGH AND WOULD NOT TAKE LORRY CONVOYS.

6. ABOUT SIX MILES NORTH OF AROCHUKU, AREA WE VISITING CAME UNDER MIG ATTACK. ALTHOUGH MIGS MADE AT LEAST FIVE RUNS AT OUR HILLTOP CHURCH LOCATION, THEY DROPPED BOMBS AND STRAFED A COUPLE OF MILES SOUTH. FLAK AND VARIOUS OTHER AA ALL AROUND HILLTOP.

7. AREAS AROUND BENDE AND APPARENTLY PART OF BENDE ITSELF BEING SHELLED BY FMG AS WAS UMUAHIA.

8. THIRD DAY OBTAINED CAR (TRANSPORT INSIDE FAIRLY HARD TO OBTAIN BECAUSE OF VAST NUMBER VISITING FIREMEN). DEFINITELY FEEL ICRC BEGINNING TO TIRE OF CONSTANT TOURIST TRADE AND DROVE TO OWERRI TAKING ABA ROAD JUNCTION AND GOING 7 MILES DOWN ABA ROAD TO EXPERTLY BLOWN BRIDGE. DISCUSSION WITH MILITARY AT BRIDGE INDICATED AT LEAST 14 MORE MILES CLEAR TOWARD ABA. RETURNED TO OWERRI AND DROVE 20 MILES DOWN PORT HARCOURT ROAD. ALTHOUGH OWERRI IN MEDIOCRE CONDITION, CORPSES NO LONGER IN EVIDENCE IN CITY, BUT SEVERAL WERE SEEN DECAYING ALONG PORT HARCOURT ROAD. AT APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES APPEARED BIAFRANS PLANTING SOME SORT HOME MADE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN AND AROUND ROAD SO RETURNED TO ICRC HQ. AFTERNOON SAME DAY DROVE TO WITHIN ABOUT TWO MILES UMUAHIA AND IT POSSIBLE GO FURTHER. ALL QUIET ON THAT FRONT.

9. BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE RESERVE TROOPS IN MANY AREAS, E.G., NEAR UMUAHIA AND SOUTH OF OWERRI. MILITARY BUILDUP STARTS AT IMO RIVER BAILEY BRIDGE (MOST OF SUPERSTRUCTURE REMOVED) AND THICKENS ALL THE WAY TO THE FRONT. FEW IF ANY REFUGEES ON THE ROAD AND PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA.

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10. AS YOU UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, LARGE GROUPS OF AGIP OIL PEOPLE SUPPOSEDLY PICKED UP BY BIAFRANS WEST OF NIGER FAIRLY CLOSE TO OPPOSITE SHORE FROM ONITSHA. THERE SEEMS TO BE EVIDENCE THAT THE ONITSHA AREA BEING OPENED UP AGAIN AND FREE PASSAGE TO THE NORTH IS NOW PRACTICAL FOR BIAFRANS. EVIDENCE OF SIZABLE TROOP MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA PLUS THESE OTHER FACTORS INDICATE THERE MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO PUSH FMG TROOPS OUT OF ONITSHA.  
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF; ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: REYKJAVIKI 245, 244, 234, 2111 GENEVA 1529, STATE  
078048, 0634621 OSLOR 1846, 1820

1. AT A RECEPTION 17 MAY I MENTIONED TO THE PRIME MINISTER NORWEGIAN PLANS TO CONTRIBUTE STOCKFISH GRATIS FOR NIGERIAN RELIEF (OSLO 1820, 1846) AND POINTED OUT THESE MIGHT OBVIATE ICRC PURCHASES OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH.

2. PRIME MINISTER ASKED ME IN TODAY TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER.

3. AS I HAD EARLIER LEARNED FROM THE COMMERCE MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY (REYKJAVIKI 245), PRIME MINISTER SAID MINISTER OF COMMERCE IS GOING TO GENEVA LATER THIS WEEK AND PLANS TO DISCUSS STOCKFISH QUESTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS OFFICIALS.

4. HE ADDED GOI HAD ALREADY KNOWN OF NORWEGIAN INTENTIONS TO MAKE GIFT OF STOCKFISH FOR NIGERIAN RELIEF BUT HAD THOUGHT THAT ICRC WOULD NEVERTHELESS BUY ICELANDIC STOCKFISH SINCE IT WOULD BE FREE TO THEM BECAUSE OF THE USG CONTRIBUTION.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO ASKED IF I HAD RECEIVED ANY FURTHER

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INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS QUESTION. I REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NOTHING SINCE MY TALK WITH HIM ON 25 APRIL WHEN, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, I HAD INFORMED HIM AND FOREIGN MINISTER THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE ICRC AND OTHER NIGERIAN RELIEF DONORS TO PURCHASE ICELANDIC STOCKFISH TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS NEED FOR STOCKFISH IN THE NIGERIAN RELIEF PROGRAM AND THAT THE USG WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ICRC FOR THIS PURPOSE (STATE 063462 AND REYKJAVIK 211).

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**FOR FERGUSON**

SUBJECT: RSMI  
UNDERSTAND BY RADIO OR CONTACT LAGOS: FERGUSON NOT ARRIVING LAGOS UNTIL MAY 26. PLEASE KEEP DAWSON INFORMED! FURTHER CHANGES AND APPROPRIATE PART OF ITINERARY WHEN AVAILABLE.

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FOR: FERGUSONI FROM: DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSMI - ICRC AND AFRICAN POLITICS

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1. ICRC CONCERNED POLITICAL PROBLEMS ON FERNANDO POO MAY HURT ICRC OPERATION TEMPORARILY. ICRC REPORTS FROM SANTA ISABEL DATED MAY 19 INDICATE ARMY HAS VIRTUALLY TAKEN OVER ISLAND. REPORT STATES, "BEFORE OUR EYES DEFENSE AND TRANSPORT MINISTER WAS ARRESTED AND TAKEN AWAY." APPARENTLY STRIPPED OF HIS DEFENSE PORTFOLIO, BUT LEFT IN CHARGE OF TRANSPORT. HE WAS SHORTLY BACK ON THE JOB.

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2. POLITICAL SITUATION HERE IN COTONOU IS ONE OF ICRC'S MAJOR CONCERNS. THEY FEEL THEY HAVE WORKED OUT PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM CONTINUE FLYING WITHOUT PAYING CUSTOMS ON DAILY BASIS. IF GENERAL STRIKE OCCURS, POLICE WOULD CHECK LISTS AND MANIFESTS AGAINST THE LOAD AND FUEL AND THEN DAILY LISTS WOULD BE KEPT AND PAID WHEN SITUATION HAS SETTLED DOWN.

3. BIAFRANS SEEM TIRED OF THE MANY INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS COMING AND GOING AND ARE TIGHTENING THEIR REGULATIONS. STANDARD FORMS WITH TWO PHOTOS WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENTED AND APPROVED EVEN FOR TRANSIT. NEW REGULATIONS ARE ALSO BEING PUT INTO EFFECT REGARDING NUMBER OF CREW MEMBERS, ETC. THERE ARE PRESENTLY SOME COMPROMISES BEING WORKED OUT ON THIS.

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BUT FOR MOMENT IT MEANS LONGER DELAYS IN GETTING PEOPLE IN.  
TIGHTENING UP MEANS GREATER SELECTIVITY WILL HAVE TO BE  
PRACTICED BY ALL INTERESTED BODIES WHEN PREPARING MISSIONS  
AND SURVEYS.

4. DAWSON ASKED SATURDAY FOR NEW PERMISSION TO ENTER. IT  
POSSIBLEI PERMISSION ALREADY GRANTED. WILL THEN ATTEMPT  
OBTAINI SOME SORT OF MULTIPLE ENTRY PERMISSION. KNOX

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DR. BOURKE HAS NOW REARRANGED ITINERARY AND WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON  
21 MAY ON TWA 709 AT 1645 PM. HE INTENDS SPEND MAY 22 AND 23  
WITH UCF! AND AID!. HE WILL CONTACT MRS. SHISHKIN OR MISS HELEN  
WILSON EARLY MAY 22. BOURKE AND WE ASSUME HE WILL RECEIVE PER  
DIEM WHILE IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE RESERVE REASONABLY PRICED HOTEL  
ROOM AND LEAVE INFO WITH TWA AT DULLES AIRPORT. FYI WE PUT  
BERSKY TEAM IN TOUCH WITH BOURKE FOR FIRST HAND BRIEFING ON  
MEDICAL CONDITIONS. TUBBY

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Re 1. According to Miller, Barsky and Weiner know O'Malley and were aware his trip. Miller was briefed on reception they likely encounter.

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SUBJECT: RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF NIGERIA-BIAFRA CONFLICT

REF ID: STATE 43272 6/6 6/6 6/9

1. SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT HAD MADE TWO DONATIONS FOR RELIEF BIAFRA CIVILIAN VICTIMS:

(A) RAND 25000 (ONE RAND EQUALS \$1.40) IN AUGUST 1968 THROUGH CARITAS SUPPLIED IN KIND, INCLUDING MILK POWDER AND SOUP POWDER VALUED RAND 15000; MEDICAL SUPPLIES (DRIED BLOOD AND LARGACTEL AMPULES) VALUED RAND 3880. (DEPT FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECORDS SHOWED RAND 5215 FOR TRANSPORT).

(B) RAND 10000 IN DEC 1968 IN CASH TO ICRC (SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR BIAFRA RELIEF). (THIS PAID THROUGH DEPT. DEFENSE WHICH IS IN LIAISON WITH ICRC).

2. DFA OFFICIAL CONCERNED STATED HAS NO INFORMATION ON PRIVATE EFFORTS OTHER THAN LOCAL PRESS REPORTS. CAPE ARGUS APRIL 12 REPORTED PURCHASE RAND 120000 WORTH MEDICAL AND FOOD SUPPLIES (SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED AS BETWEEN 3000 AND 4000 TONS) BY TONY BEVAN LEAN, REPORTEDLY ACTING ON BEHALF FATHER ANTHONY BYRNE,

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CATHOLIC REPRESENTATIVE ON SAO TOME. SHIPMENT WAS BY SA FREIGHTER TO SAO TOME FOR AIRLIFT TO BIAFRA. JOHANNESBURG STAR MAY 7 HEADLINES QUOTE SNUB FOR SOUTH AFRICAN AID TO BIAFRA END QUOTE. ARTICLE QUOTED CAPE TOWN BUSINESSMAN S.H. HURWITZ ON EXPERIENCE ACCOMPANYING LEAN TO SAO TOME TO EFFECT THEY PERSONALLY HELPED UNLOAD SHIP AND HAD DIFFICULTY ARRANGING FOR QUICK ONWARD AIR TRANSPORT FOR VACCINE. HURWITZ ALLEGED WORLD COUNCIL CHURCHES REPS WOULD NOT TALK WITH HIM BECAUSE HE FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

3. HURWITZ RECEIVED ORDER FOR PROCUREMENT FURTHER R 250,000 WORTH SUPPLIES IN SA BUT SAID HIS COMPANY PROBABLY NOT ABLE TO SUPPLY ALL.

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SUBJECT: DETAINED NIGERIAN PLAYWRIGHT WOLEI SOYINKA

1. COMMISSIONER EXTAFF ARIKPO TOLD BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HUNT, IN RESPONSE LATTER'S INQUIRY, THAT HE AGREED SOYINKA OUGHT TO BE RELEASED, AND THAT EVEN THE POLICE HAD PROPOSED THIS. HOWEVER, EACH TIME RELEASE PROPOSED, SOYINKA DID SOMETHING QTE STUPID UNQTE LIKE STAGING AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

2. IN ARIKPO'S VIEW THE QUESTION WAS NOT WHETHER SOYINKA COULD BE RELEASED BUT WHEN. IT ALSO DEPENDED ON SOYINKA PROMISING QTE NOT TO MAKE TOO MUCH NUISANCE OF HIMSELF UNQTE. ARIKPO THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT SOYINKA QTE HAD A CERTAIN HANKERING AFTER MARTYRDOM. UNQTE

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DOCTORS BARSKY AND WEINER TO BIAFRA

REF: STATE 77996, LIBREVILLE 466, 481, 484, LAGOS 4228

1. PARA 3: STATE 77996 STATE TEAM OF PLASTIC SURGEONS BARSKY AND WEINER TOGETHER WITH MILLER AND BARSKY III PLAN DISCUSSIONS HEALTH OFFICIALS GABON. CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TEAM AND SPONSOR CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RELIEF INTERNATIONAL, INC., BE INFORMED OF EXPERIENCE HERE OF PLASTIC SURGEON DR. JOSEPH E. O'MALLEY EARLIER THIS MONTH. THEY SHOULD BE AWARE SITUATION HERE, TYPE RECEPTION THEY LIKELY ENCOUNTER, AND FACT THERE IS NO PLASTIC SURGERY CASES AMONG BIAFRAN CHILDREN GABON. O'MALLEY DEPARTED LIBREVILLE HAVING ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING.

2. LIBREVILLE 466 BEING REPEATED GENEVA AND COTONOU BANEI

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF#: REYKJAVIK 244 GENEVA 1529

ICELANDIC MINISTER OF COMMERCE GYLFI GISLASON AND ICELANDIC  
AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY MAGNUS MAGNUSSON EXPECT TO BE IN GENEVA  
22-23 MAY AND PLAN TO DISCUSS STOCKFISH QUESTION WITH ICRC.  
THEY ALSO HOPE TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR TUBBY AT MISSION TO TALK  
ABOUT THIS MATTER.

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: A) GENEVA 15291 B) REYKJAVIKI 211 C) REYKJAVIKI 234

1. GOI PERMI UNDER SEC MINCOM, FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATION WITH HIM, CALLED ME TO ASK ABOUT PROSPECTS OF FURTHER USG CONTRIBUTIONS ICRC FOR PURCHASES ICELANDIC STOCKFISH. HE REITERATED INFO GENEVA'S 1529 THAT 500 TON SHIP RESERVED IN ICELAND FOR STOCKFISH SHIPMENTS.

2. WE HOPE ICRC'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO PURCHASE 1,500 TONS ICELANDIC STOCKFISH CONTAINED GENEVA'S 1529 CAN BE APPROVED PROMPTLY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW PRIMIN'S ATTENTION TO PURCHASES AND HIS APPEALS FOR STOCKFISH ASSISTANCE MADE BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON.

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STATE FOR UCFI

SUBJ: FERGUSON VISIT

1. LUNS HAS INFORMED NIGERIAN AMB HERE THAT PRESSING OTHER BUSINESS WILL PREVENT HIS RECEIVING ARIKPO THIS WEEK, AND MFA ASSUMES ARIKPO WILL CANCEL MAY 20-23 VISIT TO NETHERLANDS. (COMMENT: WE ARE UNAWARE WHAT NATURE OF OTHER BUSINESS IS, IF ANY. TONE OF COMMENTS TO US BY MFA SOURCES INDICATES POSSIBILITY AT THIS MOMENT.)

2. ARIKPO WAS SCHEDULED VISIT BRUSSELS AND ROME FOLLOWING THE HAGUE. FERGUSON ARRIVES THE HAGUE MAY 19. SUGGEST YOU INFORM HIM HERE WHAT ARIKPO'S TRAVEL PLANS ARE NOW, IN ORDER FACILITATE HOPED FOR MEETING.

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FOR: FERGUSON FROM: DAWSON

SUBJECT: DOCUMENT DELIVERY

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DAWSON DELIVERED SATURDAY NIGHT TWO DOCUMENTS TO TOP  
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SUBJECT: ITINERARY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

REF: A. STATE 079009; B. THE HAGUE 1852

STATE FOR UCF

1. EXTAFF HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM THE HAGUE THAT LUNS MUST LEAVE THE HAGUE FOR BEIRUT AND THEREFORE NOT ABLE KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH ARIKPO AND ENAHORO ON MAY 23. FYI: EXTAFF SAID IT UNDERSTANDS LUNS MEETING INDONESIAN FONMINI (SIC) IN BEIRUT.

2. ARIKPO NOW PLANS TRAVEL BURSSELSON MAY 22. HAS APPOINTMENT MAY 23 WITH FONMINI AT 1500 HOURS. WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE FERGUSON MORNING OF 23RD. NIGERIAN EMB BRUSSELS CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. ARIKPO WILL THEN BE IN ROME MAY 24 - 26 FOLLOWING WHICH WILL TRAVEL THE HAGUE MAY 27-28 IF LUNS HAS RETURNED BY THAT TIME.

4. THE HAGUE 1852 JUST RECEIVED.  
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SUBJECT: ITINERARY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

REF: LAGOS 4417

STATE FOR UCFI

EXTAFF JUST INFORMED LUNS WILL NOW TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON  
ON MAY 26 FOLLOWING MEETING BEIRUT WITH INDONESIAN FONMIN  
MALIK "ON WEST IRIAN QUESTION". ARIKPO THEREFORE  
POSTPONING TRIP TO EUROPE AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING FERGUSON IN LAGOS.

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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6634  
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SUBJ: ITINERARY OF C. CLYDE FERGUSON JR., SPECIAL  
COORDINATOR ON NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: STATE 079039

ALITALIA FLIES FROM LAGOS TO ROME ON MAY 31. THEREFORE  
HAVE MADE RESERVATION FOR FERGUSON ON FLIGHT AZ 837  
DEPARTING LAGOS 0820 ARRIVING ROME 1620 SATURDAY  
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RE 191056Z MAY 68  
FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO: AMEMBASSY LAGOS!

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FOR! WOOD! FROM! DAWSON  
RELIEF SURVEY MISSION

SUBJECT: RSM-ANTI INFESTATION MEASURES

1. REI OUR TALKS HAVE CONSULTED WITH ICRC CHIEF WACHTMESTER AND CHIEF ICRC QM WEBER AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO EXPERIMENTATION ON ANTI-INFESTATION MEASURES.
2. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SENDING APPROPRIATE MATERIALS AND MACHINERY TO COTONOU ASAP! FOR THIS PURPOSE! ALSO SUGGEST SENDING APPROX PRICE FOR PURCHASE OF MACHINERY AND MATERIALS, OUTLINES OF PROPERTY AND EFFECTIVE USAGE, ETC. KNOX

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TO: AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC 1328

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SUBJECT: MEDICAL SURVEY TEAM- DR. BARSKY

REFID: STATE 077996

TEAM ETA COTONOU CHANGED TO 21 MAY 1010AM. RK 28. PLEASE  
RESERVE HOTEL FOR MAY 21 IN ADDITION PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS CROIX  
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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF--FERGUSON VISIT

1. FERGUSON MET MAY 20 WITH MFA SECGEN SCHIFF AND DIRECTOR AFRICAN-ME AFFAIRS HUYDECOPER. FERGUSON AND HUYDECOPER REVIEWED AND APPROVED WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS TWO DOCUMENTS PREPARED MAY 19 BY HUYDECOPER AND FERGUSON'SIDES (SCHOTT AND DEWEY): (A) MEMORANDUM ON RELIEF CORRIDORS WHICH CONCENTRATES HEAVILY ON CROSS RIVER AND (B) COVERING MFA NOTE TO HAGUE GROUP MISSIONS HERE CALLING MEETING OF EXPERTS FOR JUNE 5 IN THE HAGUE TO DISCUSS MEMORANDUM AND (AT NORWEGIAN REQUEST) FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF RELIEF EFFORT (DETAILS BY SEPT 6). FERGUSON SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE HAGUE JUNE 5. HE SUPPORTED PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL QUESTIONS ON THAT OCCASION, ADDING HE LIKED ICRC MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO TALK ABOUT ITS LONGER-RANGE BUDGETING PROBLEMS.

2. FERGUSON BRIEFED HUYDECOPER, AND LATER SCHIFF, IN GENERAL TERMS AND ON STRICTLY FM BASIS, ON HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH FMG AND BIAFRANS ON CROSS RIVER ROUTE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, QUESTION OF SITES, RELATED PROBLEM OF C-97'S AND RECEIVED FROM BOTH ENCOURAGEMENT AND FROM HUYDECOPER, AGREEMENT THAT HAGUE GROUP COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ASKED TO HOLD OFF ON CORRIDORS INITIATIVES PENDING COMPLETION OF

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FERGUSON'S CURRENT EFFORTS.

3. ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, HUYDECOPER REFERRED TO HIS TALKS HERE BEGINNING OF MAY WITH OKIKPO (HAGUE 1699), WHO HAD TOLD HIM BIAFRAN DISLIKE TO DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS ON MILITARY GROUNDS. HIS OPINION HELD WITHOUT RELATION TO OTHER FACTORS. NEITHER AMBASSADOR AT DAR-E-S-SALAAMI HAD REPORTED RECENTLY THAT HE IS STILL UNABLE GET ANY RESPONSE TO DUTCH DEMARCHE ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, WHICH HUYDECOPER INCLINED INTERPRET AS POLITE REFUSAL BY BIAFRANS' NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR AT LAGOS HAD BEEN TOLD BY ARIKPO ON MAY 17 THAT FMG INSISTENCE ON SURVEILLANCE OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN INSISTENCE ON FLYING OVER ULII; THIS COULD PERHAPS BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA SOME OAU COUNTRY PRESENCE. THIS, HUYDECOPER NOTED, WOULD RAISE PROBLEM OF SURVEILLANCE AT SAO TOME, SINCE OAU COUNTRIES HAVE NO RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. IN LIGHT OF PRESENT BIAFRAN DISINTEREST IN DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, HUYDECOPER THOUGHT THERE LITTLE USE IN APPLYING FURTHER PRESSURES NOW IN LAGOS. FERGUSON NOTED THAT LINDT IS ACTING AS IF HE HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS AND HAS NOT YET REVEALED WHAT REACTION HE GOT FROM BIAFRANS. HE HOPED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH LINDT IN LAGOS.

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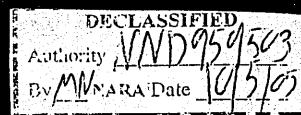
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SUBJECT: FERGUSON TALKS WITH BRITISH ON NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: STATE'S 76946

1. NIGERIAN RELIEF COORDINATOR FERGUSON MET THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 19) WITH FONOFF'S FOLEY, TEBBIT AND STAFF, PLUS NEWLY APPOINTED UKI HICOMER IN LAGOS. SIR LESLIE GLASS. FERGUSON BRIEFED BRITISH ON C-97 SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR BRINGING TWO SIDES TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT CROSS RIVER RELIEF ROUTES AND RELATED MATTERS. HE TOLD BRITISH HE MIGHT ASK FOR THEIR HELP IN NEAR FUTURE IN GETTING FMG'S COOPERATION ON SITE FOR THESE CONVERSATIONS. FOLEY SAID BRITISH WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

2. IN DISCUSSION ABOUT DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS TEBBIT VOLUNTEERED THAT IN FAREWELL CALL ON ARIKPO HICOMER HUNT ENCOURAGED FMG TO REAFFIRM THEIR AGREEMENT TO IDEA OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS AND NOT INSIST ON RIGHT OF SURVEILLANCE. ARIKPO WENT ALONG WITH THIS, BUT SAID FMG WOULD REQUIRE INSPECTION OF CARGOS. TEBBIT WAS NOT SURE HOW STRINGENT THIS CONDITION WAS. HE TENDED TO THINK NIGERIANS MIGHT ACCEPT INSPECTION BY RELIABLE THIRD PARTY OR TOKEN TOUCH-DOWN OF AIRCRAFT AT OBILAGO OR OTHER POINT ON FEDERAL TERRITORY. TEBBIT ADDED THAT HUNT WOULD BE SAYING GOODBYE TO GOWON IN NEXT DAY OR SO AND WOULD AGAIN UNDERLINE DESIRABILITY OF FLEXIBLE FMG STANCE ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. ANNENBERG

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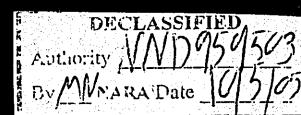
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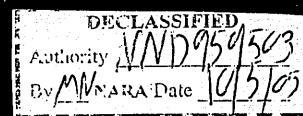
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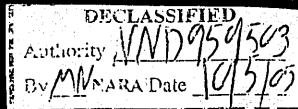
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TO: Mr. Edwin H. Fletcher  
7135 San Jose Blvd.  
Jacksonville, Florida (Telephone: 904 - 398-4446)

LSM contract signed May 9 by Freymond and Basset  
on behalf of ICRC. Contract pouches May 9 from Geneva.  
Therefore, vessels may sail.

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C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.  
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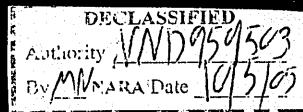
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For Ambassador

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1. Ferguson plans visit Cotonou. Time to be fixed after arrival Lagos.
2. Under no circumstances is Dawson to visit Lagos or any point Nigerian territory under control FMG.

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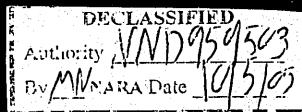
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AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY ROME

SUBJECT: Itinerary of C. Clyde Ferguson Jr, Special Coordinator  
on Nigerian Relief.

1. Schedule as follows, subject to changes en route:

May 19 arrive London PAA 106.

May 19 evening London to The Hague.

May 22 depart The Hague BEA 423 9:00 AM arrive London 9:50 AM.

May 23 depart London WT 909 8:00 AM arrive Lagos 2:20 PM.

June 2 depart Lagos WT 902 arrive Rome 5:55 PM. (NOTE we  
informed no flights May 31 or June 1 Lagos to Rome.

Alternate flight possibility is May 30 depart Lagos  
BEA 260 arrive Rome 6:30 PM).

June 3 depart Rome SR 606 2:45 PM arrive Geneva 4:15 PM.

(NOTE we informed this last flight of day Rome/Geneva).

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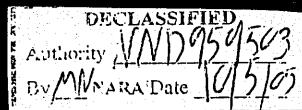
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June 6 depart Paris AF 804 8:30 AM arrive London 9:30 AM.

June 7 depart London PAA 107 2:30 PM arrive Washington Dulles  
5:45 PM.

2. Posts p requested to reserve hotel where necessary.
3. FYI Ferguson has been accorded personal rank of Ambassador while traveling abroad.

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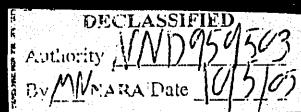
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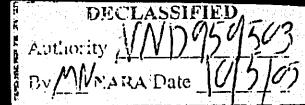
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SUBJECT: Travel of Doctors Barsky and Weiner to Biafra

REF: Geneva ~~xx~~ 1457..

GENEVA for Gutman.

1. Children's Medical Relief International, Inc. is ~~xx~~ sending a survey team, at invitation of Dr. Udekwu, a US-trained Ibo doctor, to ~~xxxxx~~ investigate the possibility of establishing, on an emergency basis, facilities outside Nigeria, possibly in Abidjan, to provide surgical aid for child victims of the conflict, as well as teach specialized surgical techniques.
2. Team consists of Arthur J. Barsky, MD, President of CMRI and Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Daniel M. Weiner, MD, a Director of CMRI, and Associate Professor Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Thomas R. Miller,

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Executive Director CMRI, and Arthur J. Barsky III, /REXXSSXXXXX

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3. Miller states team has received permission from Dr. Otue, Special Representative Biafra, to enter Biafra. Following survey Biafra, team anticipates discussions with health officials Gabon and Ivory Coast.

4. In Geneva team will request permission travel on ICRC aircraft from Cotonou to Biafra.

5. FYI: CMRI ~~built~~ built and has in operation in Saigon as of July 1968 a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Center pilot unit, funded by AID (two million dollars), GVN and private contributions. We have not discussed any funding by USG of their proposed Nigerian unit. CMRI is paying for travel of team. Biafran Relief Services Foundation has expressed interest in scheme, but CMRI intends act on its own behalf.

6. Itinerary follows. Posts please extend usual courtesies.

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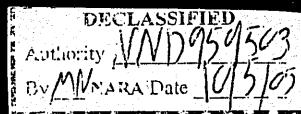
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Geneva please assist with ICRC.

May 17 - ar Geneva SR 121, 8:20 AM, Hotel de la Paix.

May 20 - Lv Geneva for Paris. Hotel Vendome.  
Cotonou

May 22 - Ar/~~xxxxxx~~ UTA 1837, 9:15 PM, Hotel Croix du Sud.

Following dates approximate:

May 24 - Cotonou to Biafra

May 30 - Biafra to Cotonou

May 31 - Cotonou to Libreville

June 4 - Libreville to Abidjan

June 8 - Lv Abidjan for US, possibly via Geneva.

7. Passport info:

Arthur J. Barsky, G935338, issued New York City 8/7/66

Daniel L. Weiner, H130762, issued New York City 2/27/67

Thomas R. Miller, H889755, issued New York City 5/5/67

Arthur J. Barsky III, H1325779, ~~xxx~~ issued New York City 12/6/67

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1. Schott arrives Amsterdam via Pan Am Flt. #74 at 9:50 a.m.  
 Please meet. Will be prepared begin talks at 11:00 a.m.  
 Dewey should begin talks earlier if desired.

2. Schott will also be available ~~XXXXXX~~ Monday to wind-up  
 joint paper or other outcome. Embassy requested assign  
 Political Affairs Officer to support Schott and Dewey.

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SUBJ: FERGUSON VISIT

REF: STATE 076758

1. APPOINTMENT MADE FOR FERGUSON WITH HUYDECOPER  
10:00 A.M. MAY 20. HUYDECOPER WITHOUT PRODDING VOLUNTEERED  
ASSIST IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH ARIKPO. WEI THANKED HIM  
BUT SAID WEI HAD RECEIVED NO REQUEST. PLEASE INFORM ETA.  
HOTEL RESERVATION MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 21 MADE AT HOTEL  
CENTRAL (ONE BLOCK FROM MFA).

2. SCHOTT AND DEWEY WILL BEGIN TALKS AT MFA WITH  
HUYDECOPER, VAN ARKEL AND VAN GORP (LATTER TWO FROM MFA/  
AFRICAN BUREAU) AT 12:30 P.M. MAY 17. ASSUME SCHOTT  
ARRIVES PANAMI 74 ON MAY 17 AND WEI WILL MEET FLIGHT.

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SUBJECT: G-97 STRAFING 81-6

REF: STATE 077317

QUESTIONED ICRC (BASSET) THIS AM. REF REPORTED STRAFING. THEIR INFORMATION SIMILAR TO OURS, BUT BASED ON PILOT HEARSAY, NOT CONFIRMED BY EYEWITNESS REPORTS, AND NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR ICRC TO ACCEPT STRAFING AS FACT. DEWEY CONTACTED BALAIR (WYATT) AND RECEIVED IDENTICAL REPORT.

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON  
— POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA  
SUBJECT: RSM - FERGUSON VISIT

1. DAWSON RETURNED FROM THREE-DAY TRIP TO BIAFRA WED NIGHT.
2. BIAFRAN MORALE HIGH. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY DOWN SOMewhat DUE TO PRESENT DECENTRALIZATION, MILITARY MUCH MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN IN MARCH VISIT. A MORE DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW.
3. ASSUME FERGUSON WILL STOP AT LEAST BRIEFLY AT COTONOU FOR MUTUAL BRIEFING DURING PRESENT VISIT. DO NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE FOR DAWSON TO TRAVEL TO LAGOS.
4. (REF ID STATE 77317) APPARENTLY MEMBERS OF MOVEMENT CONTROL AT ULI WERE PRESENT DURING MIG ATTACK ON CRASHED C-97. TWO ROCKETS FIRED, ONE HIT, ONE MISS. PLANE BURNED ON GROUND. THIS NOT RPT NOT ICRC AIRCRAFT. OTHER C-97 ALSO CHURCH GROUP A/C WITH ONE ENGINE DOWN TOOK OFF FOLLOWING NIGHT. IT WAS NOT HIT DURING MIG ATTACK. DAWSON RECEIVED THIS INFO WHILE GUEST AT MOVEMENT CONTROL HQ AT ULI.

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REF: GENEVA 1407 (NOTAL)

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF PURCHASE OF ICELANDIC STOCKFISH.

1. ICRC (AMMAN) SEEKING URGENTLY FUNDS TO PURCHASE 1,500 TONS ICELANDIC STOCKFISH REQUIRED FOR JUNE DISTRIBUTION. SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE MADE SECOND HALF MAY AND ICRC HAS RESERVED 500 TON SHIP IN ICELAND TO HELP MEET THIS TARGET.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF USG PREPARED MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC FOR THIS PURPOSE. TUBBY

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Honorable David W. Dennis  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dennis:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your inquiry dated May 8 regarding Mr. Robert J. Ohlemiller, Jr.'s concern about the situation in Nigeria and the plight of the Biafran people.

On repeated occasions since May 1968, American sympathy has been officially expressed for the suffering victims of the civil war on both sides of the fighting lines. President Nixon has reiterated the deep concern of the nation for the terrible human suffering in the civil war, and Mr. Clarence C. Ferguson, Jr. has been appointed as Special Coordinator to assure effective utilization of the US contributions to the international relief effort for Nigeria/Biafra.

Complex humanitarian, political and military factors complicate this situation and we have endeavored to avoid politico-military involvement by channeling our support for the relief effort through the non-political International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and through UNICEF and American voluntary relief agencies. US support for the relief effort in Nigeria/Biafra now totals over \$39 million in cash, food and medical supplies with the US Government donating \$31 million and American private voluntary agencies donating \$8 million. In January we sold at nominal cost four C-97C cargo aircraft to ICRC and four more to American private agencies participating in Joint Church Aid. These aircraft are used only to carry relief supplies.

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I am enclosing a copy of a Department statement detailing our part in the relief effort and explaining US policy on Nigeria/Biafra.

I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Ohlemiller.

Sincerely yours,

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William E. Macomber, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
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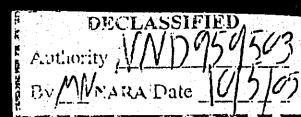
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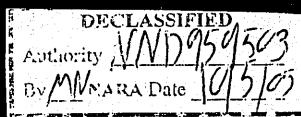
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The Honorable William P. Rogers  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I forward for your consideration a copy of a letter I have recently received from one of my constituents, regarding the Biafran situation, and of an enclosure which he had attached, quoting President Nixon's statement of September 10, 1968, on this subject, which was apparently made during the Presidential campaign. I enclose also a copy of my reply to my constituent.

At your convenience, I should like to be advised, insofar as you may appropriately do so, of the present plans, actions, and attitude of the Administration in connection with this matter, so that I may be informed and advised and so that I may make an intelligent reply to the inquiry of my constituent.

With many thanks for your attention to the foregoing,  
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1. DCM AND I SAW GENERAL GOWON AND ARIKPO AT 1330 LOCAL TODAY AND PRESENTED LETTERS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. ONLY REACTION WAS GOWON EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE OVER FACT ILLEGAL AIRLIFT CONTINUING FROM SAO TOME. GOWON ALSO EXPRESSED HE WISH THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO DECISION TO REPLACE CRASHED JC-97. I INFORMED HIM THAT THIS PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE BUT EXPRESSED HOPE IT WOULD NOT ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION.

2. ARIKPO SAID HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING FERGUSON IN THE HAGUE AND AGREED WITH MY SUGGESTION THAT OUR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES IN THE HAGUE SET UP A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TIME FOR MEETING. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ARIKPO AND THE FMG WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE LAND CORRIDOR QUESTION TO BE READY IN PARTICULAR TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE VENUE PRIOR TO THE HAGUE MEETING WITH FERGUSON. ARIKPO WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

3. I RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE CRASHED JC-97 AND THE REPORTED STRAFING ATTACK WITH GOWON. HE SAID, AND FROM HIS REACTION I THINK HONESTLY, THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPORTS ON ANY PLANE DESTROYED BY STRAFING AT THAT TIME.

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4. AFTER SOME PROBING ON MY PART ARIKPO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LINDT HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS TO ULIT WITH HIM AND EDW. ENAHORO AT A MEETING ON MAY 13. LINDT HAD INDICATED SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS HAD DEVELOPED IN THE BIAFRAN ATTITUDE TOWARD SUCH FLIGHTS. ARIKPO SAID THAT THEY HAD REPLIED THAT IF SO SUCH DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO HIM AND OAU. BOTH GOWON AND ARIKPO MADE IT QUITE PLAIN THAT LINDT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR THIS PURPOSE. ARIKPO ADDED THAT LINDT WENT INTO BIAFRA ON MAY 14 AND WAS EXPECTED BACK IN LAGOS TODAY.

5. COMMENT: I AM PLEASED BY THE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF STATIC GENERATED BY PLANS FOR REPLACEMENT CRASHED C-97 AND I HOPE JCA CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTAIN PUBLICITY. I CONTINUE TO URGE THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN TO SUPPLY THE TWO ADDITIONAL C-97'S REQUESTED BY JCA. IN MY VIEW TO SUPPLY THEM COULD WELL JEOPARDIZE NOT ONLY THE LAND-WATER CORRIDOR PLAN BUT POSSIBLY FMG COOPERATION ON ALLI RELIEF ACTIVITIES.

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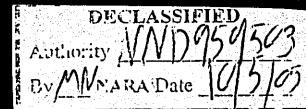
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The Office of the Special Coordinator on Relief to the Civilian Victims of the Nigerian Civil War has the honor to present to His Excellency, the Ambassador of Nigeria, the following communication which is being presented simultaneously to his Government in Lagos.

"Dear General Gowon:

Recently one of the four C-97 aircraft sold by the USG to the Joint Church Aid relief group crashed while delivering relief supplies at Uli Airport. The plane suffered damage to such an extent that it will be impossible to return it to operational condition.

I have received a request from the JCA group for a C-97 to replace the destroyed aircraft. Since the original intent of the agreement with Joint Church Aid, which was communicated to your Government, was that the United States Government would maintain JCA's operational capacity at four C-97's, we have an obligation to provide JCA with a replacement for the lost plane.

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The decision to replace the destroyed C-97 is, of course, entirely separate from any decision concerning the two additional C-97's requested by JCA-USA in order to augment their present operational fleet. As you are aware, a decision on this matter is in abeyance because of my own strong conviction that a better solution to the relief problem can be found. At the invitation of Dr. Arikpo, I shall be coming to Lagos about the 23rd of this month to continue discussions on the Cross River and other surface corridors.

Let me again express my personal appreciation for the humane concern evinced by yourself and your Government for the welfare of all of the people of Nigeria.

With best wishes and sincere regards,

C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr."

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1528

SUBJECT: LANDING CRAFT UTILIZATION

1. DEWEY, DAVIDSON MET WITH BASSET, GERBER, SENN ON MAY 14. REF: LANDING CRAFT UTILIZATION.

2. DISCUSSED FULL SCOPE WAYS TO EXPLOIT UNIQUE LSM CAPABILITIES ON FMG SIDE. ICRC OFFICIALS AGREED LSM'S SHOULD, ON ARRIVAL, START SERVING DESTINATIONS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO PRESENT COASTER FLEET; E.G. NWANIBA AND, AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, ITU OFFICIALS NOW APPEAR ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LSM'S, READY TO MAKE OPERATIONAL CONCEPTUAL CHANGES TO EXPLOIT FULLY NEW FLEXIBILITY OFFERED BY THESE CRAFT.

3. ICRC TAKING ITS OWN LOOK AT RELIEF ACCESS ROUTES FOLLOWING LAST HAGUE MEETING. INTERESTED TO KNOW APPLICABILITY LANDING CRAFT TO THESE ROUTES, WHICH DEWEY DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS. INCORPORATION LANDING CRAFT IN VARIOUS CONTINGENCY PLANS ALSO DISCUSSED.

4. MET WITH FREY A.M. MAY 16 TO DISCUSS HIS RECENT TRIP WITH GENDRON. FREY SATISFIED STOCKPILE SCHEME FOR CURRENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, INTERESTED IN JOINT PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE REALIGNMENT, ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS TO MEET CONTINGENCIES. ASKED IF ADDITIONAL LANDING CRAFT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE

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CONTINGENCIES. FREY MENTIONED THAT DESPITE IMPROVED SYSTEM, UNANNOUNCED SHIPMENTS STILL GETTING THROUGH, E.G., RECENT CARESHIPMENT OF 5,000 TONS SORGO ARRIVING COTONOU.

5. COMMENT: THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS SEEM TO BE DROPPING. REFERENCE THE LANDING CRAFT. BASSET PUT IT THIS WAY "WE, AND OUR LAGOS REPRESENTATIVES, NOW NEED TO THINK IN LANDING CRAFT TERMS." SURFACE CORRIDORS ARE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING INTEREST IN ICRC PLANNING. STAFF HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE HOMEWORK. APPRECIATED SHARING IN OUR THINKING ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS. VARIOUS RELIEF ROUTES. CONTINUED CONTACTS ALONG THESE LINES OBVIOUS BOOST TO MUTUAL TRUST IN RELIEF EFFORT. TUBBY

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